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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	SATURDAY, 2 P.M. 1898.
† BALLARAT	4120	W. J. Nantes	12th Feb.
* CARTHAGE	6287	J. R. Landon	19th "
B.M.I. PENINSULAR	6287	W. A. Wheler	26th "
SHANNON	4189	F. Cole	4th Mar.
B.M. EGYPT	6000	R. F. Briscoe	12th "
* CARTHAGE	6287	J. R. Landon	19th "
B.M.I. CALEDONIA	7538	W. R. Andrews	26th "
* SHANNON	4189	F. Cole	2nd April.
B.M.I. ORIENTAL	5284	L. H. Moule	9th "
* VALETTA	5018	C. Gadd	16th "
B.M.I. CARTHAGE	6287	J. R. Landon	23rd "
* SHANNON	4189	F. Cole	30th "
B.M.I. EGYPT	6000	R. F. Briscoe	7th May.
* VALETTA	5018	C. Gadd	14th "
B.M.I. ARABIA	5000	A. W. Adamson	21st "
SHANNON	4189	F. Cole	28th "
B.M.I. CALEDONIA	7538	W. R. Andrews	4th June.
* VALETTA	5018	C. Gadd	11th "
B.M.I. PENINSULAR	6287	W. A. Wheler	18th "

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Bombay, 28th January, 1897.

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UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

ACCELERATED SERVICE TO TRIESTE, *VIA* ADEN, SUEZ, AND PORT SAID.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To Sail on or about
IMPERATOR	J. Nicolich	4,140	1st March 1898,
IMPERATRICE	T. Hasenfeld	4,431	1st April 1898.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE, or VENICE	Rs. 800	Rs. 525	Rs. 130

Steamers for BOMBAY leave TRIESTE on the 3rd, and BRINDISI, on the 4th of each month.

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Steamers.	Captain.	Tons.	To Sail on or about
POSEIDON	H. Mayer	1,974	12th Feb., '98
AMPHITRITE	G. Costanzi	1,830	12th Mar. 1898

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	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE or VENICE	Rs. 375	Rs. 150

STEAMERS for BOMBAY LEAVE TRIESTE on the 20th of each month.

RETURN TICKETS

By other Accelerated or Ordinary Service to TRIESTE.

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AVAILABLE for 6 MONTHS	Rs. 960	Rs. 575
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THE Company are now in a position to issue RETURN TICKETS available for one way by the Austrian Lloyd's and the Return by the Messageries Maritimes Co. at reduced fares. This arrangement will prove of special advantage to passengers on 2 months privilege leave.

STEAM TO COLOMBO, PENANG, SINGAPORE, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, KOBE.

Steamer	Captain.	Tons.	To Sail on or about
GISELA	L. Brelich.	4,253	31st Feb., 1898

Connecting at COLOMBO with the S.S. AGLAIA to MADRAS and CALCUTTA on the Outward and Homeward voyage.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
LAOS	6,000	Flandin	18th Feb, 1898, Friday.
SYDNEY	4,236	Aubert	15th March 1898
OCEANIEN	4,249	Schmitz	12th April, 1898.

TO COLOMBO, SINGAPORE, JAVA, SAIGON, TONQUIN, CHINA, JAPAN, AND AUSTRALIA.

Vessel.	Tons.	Captain.	To sail on or about the
SALAZIE	4,255	Paul	10th March.

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The Company are now in a position to issue RETURN TICKETS available for one way by the Messageries Maritimes, and the return voyage by the Austrian Lloyd's at Reduced Fares. This arrangement will prove, in some cases, of special advantage to Passengers on three months' privilege leave.

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S. S. "DWARKA," 1,695 tons, on the 18th Feb., 1898, at 2 p.m., or on arrival of English mail, if later arriving.

FOR KATHIAWAR COAST PORTS AND KURRACHEE.

S. S. "DUMRA," 1,695 tons, on the 15th Feb., 1898, at 10 a.m., calling at Veraval, Mangrole, Porebunder, Cutch Mandvie and Kurrachee in the foregoing or any order. (Weather permitting.)

FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

S. S. "PEMBA," 1,554 tons, on the 17th Feb., 1898 at 10 a.m., calling at Kurrachee, Jask, Ahlee, Linga, Bahrein, Bushire, Fao, Mahommah and Busreh in the foregoing or any order. (Weather permitting.)

FOR ADEN, LAMOO, MOMBASSA AND ZANZIBAR.

S. S. "GOA," 1,903 tons, on or about 24th Feb., 1898.

FOR COAST AND BURMAH.

S. S. "ELLORA," 1,996 tons, on or about 15th Feb., 1898.

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. "MERKARA," 3,009 tons, on or about 15th Feb., 1898.

FOR SEYCHELLES, MOMBASSA, AND ZANZIBAR.

S. S. "NEVASA," 2,998 tons, on or about 15th Feb., 1898, calling at Seychelles, Mombasa, and Zanzibar, in foregoing or any order. (Weather permitting.)

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PASSENGERS and Cargo booked through from Calcutta, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, or Rangoon via Singapore for all adjacent ports to the various Gold Fields. Fortnightly departures from Singapore. For further particulars apply to

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Bombay, 11th February, 1898.

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Lists of the LATEST SAILINGS, with Fares and full information as to berths available, furnished at once.

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NOTICES.

BOMBAY ART SOCIETY.

THE NINTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in Bombay early in March 1898. 58 Prizes offered. The last day for receiving works will be March 1st. For prospectus, etc., apply to the Honorary Secretary, Elphinstone College, Bombay.

MATHERAN.

NOTICE.—The site Nos. 60 and 102 on the plan of Matheran will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the 12th February, 1898, at the Superintendent's Office, at 9 A.M.

The Sale is subject to confirmation by the Collector of Kolaba.

S. M. EDWARDES, I.C.S.,
Superintendent, Matheran.

Matheran, 28th January, 1898.

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

TENDERS will be received by the Undersigned at 12 noon, on MONDAY, the 21st instant, for the SUPPLY of 400 to 450 Tons MOULMEIN INDIAN FIRST CLASS LOGS, measuring not less than 10 feet in length and not less than 10in. by 5in. square and to be perfectly sound and free from holes, shakes or wems. The Timber to be delivered free in the Colaba Basin. Tenders to be headed on the cover "Tenders for Timber."

The Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

E. S. LUARD,
Locomotive and Carriage Superintendent.

Parel Works, 8th February, 1898.

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EXAMINATIONS in 66 subjects will be held under the authority of the City and Guilds of London Institute each year in the month of May. Particulars will be found in the Programme of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, price two annas. Applications for examination must be received before the first Monday in March.

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For prices and particulars, apply to the Principal.

NOWROSJEE N. WADIA,
Honorary Secretary.

NOTICE.

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ONE of the Calcutta Bazaar Dealers having been found GUILTY of SELLING CEMENT purporting to be the true "GILLINGHAM RED HAND BRAND," but one which really was only an inferior Belgian Manufacture with a spurious imitation of the "Gillingham Red Hand Brand" Label fixed on the Barrel, and having been convicted in the Police Court, and sentenced to pay a fine of 500 Rupees and all the Barrels of Cement in question to be confiscated,

Dealers in Cement are hereby notified that similar proceedings will be instituted by the undersigned, against any persons who may be suspected of any similar fraud, or any infringement of the Merchandise Marks Act, in respect of this article.

Buyers are also advised to be careful to see that they get the genuine "Gillingham Red Hand Brand" of Cement in the original Casks, properly labelled, and to import same only through Dealers of known repute.

J. B. WHITE & BROS., LD.,
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January 5th, 1898.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Ordnance Officer in charge of the Bombay Arsenal up to the 3rd March, 1898, for the SUPPLY of MISCELLANEOUS STORES (more or less) to the Bombay Arsenal, from 1st April, 1898, to the 31st March, 1899. The term "more" includes the Supply of Stores if required up to 25 per cent. in excess of the original Tender.

II.—Printed forms of "Lists" or "Schedules" (I. O. Form 101 or 109) of the stores (more or less) for the supply of which Tenders are invited, and the form of contract deed which in the event of Tenders being accepted, must be signed and sealed by the Contractors, are obtainable on application in writing to this office daily (sundays and holidays excepted) from 15th February to 1st March 1898, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 2 P.M., on payment at the rate of Re. one per set of forms.

III.—Tenders will be opened at this office at 12 o'clock noon, on THURSDAY, the 3rd March, 1898. Parties tendering are invited to attend.

IV.—Parties tendering are particularly requested to give their addresses in full.

V.—Any further information required can be obtained on application to this office between the hours of 10 A.M., (Sundays and holidays excepted).

T. FOWLE, Major, R. A.,
Ordnance Officer in charge.

Bombay, 10th February, 1898.

THE EMPRESS SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INSTALMENT (on account of, and in anticipation of, a Dividend) of

Rs.	20	0	0	per share of Rs.	500	0	0 paid up.
"	10	0	0	"	250	0	0 "
"	5	0	0	"	100	0	0 "
"	2	8	0	"	62	8	0 "
"	1	4	0	"	31	4	0 "

for the half-year ended December 31st, 1897, has been declared and made PAYABLE on and after the 21st February, 1898, to SHAREHOLDERS whose names are on the Register on the 14th February.

NOTICE is also given that the TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to 23rd February, 1898, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
GREAVES, COTTON & Co.,
Secretaries, Managers, and Agents.

Bombay, 4th February, 1898.

THE LEOPOLD SPINNING, BLEACHING, & MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INSTALMENT (on account of, and in anticipation of, a Dividend of Rs. 7-8-0) per Share for the half-year ended December 31st, 1897, has been declared and made PAYABLE on and after the 21st February, 1898, to SHAREHOLDERS whose names are on the Register on the 14th February.

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Bombay, 4th February, 1898.

THE JAMES GREAVES MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INSTALMENT (on account of, and in anticipation of, a Dividend of Rs. 25 per Share for the half-year ended December 31st, 1897, has been declared and made PAYABLE on and after the 21st February, 1898, to SHAREHOLDERS whose names are on the Register on the 14th February.

NOTICE is also given that the TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to 23rd February, 1898, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Bombay, 4th February, 1898.

THE CONNAUGHT MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INSTALMENT (on account of, and in anticipation of, a Dividend) of Rs. 25 per Share of Rs. 500 paid up, and Rs. 12-8 per Share of Rs. 250 paid up, for the half-year ended December 31st, 1897, has been declared and made PAYABLE on and after the 21st February, 1898, to SHAREHOLDERS whose names are on the Register on the 14th February.

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Bombay, 4th February, 1898.

THE HOWARD AND BULLOUGH MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INSTALMENT (on account of, and in anticipation of, a Dividend) of Rs. 25 per Share for the half-year ended December 31st, 1897, has been declared and made PAYABLE on and after the 21st February, 1898, to SHAREHOLDERS whose names are on the Register on the 14th February.

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By Order of the Board,
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Bombay, 4th February, 1898.

THE IMPERIAL COTTON MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INSTALMENT (on account of, and in anticipation of, a Dividend) of Rs. 12-8-0 per Share for the half-year ended December 31st, 1897, has been declared and made PAYABLE on and after the 21st February, 1898, to SHAREHOLDERS whose names are on the Register on the 14th February.

NOTICE is also given that the TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to 23rd February, 1898, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Bombay, 4th February, 1898.

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" " " 28 lbs.	4 0	4 8
" " " 1 cwt.	12 8	14 0

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Although suppressed as much as possible, there can be no doubt (say the "Chronicle's" correspondent) that a panic exists among the rich corporation of French Jews. The Rothschilds, who have been benefactors to Paris, and who, outside the routine of their colossal banking interests, have never touched public, and above all, political, affairs, live in a state of hourly intimidation. The bank in the Rue Laffite is guarded by a specially detached group of "sergents de ville" and detectives. Their private residences in the Rue Saint Florentin and elsewhere are the objects of similar harassing protection. A special service of policemen has been organised round the house of M. Mathieu Dreyfus.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 30m. Sun sets, 5h. 59m. High water, 2-19m., 3-3s. Low water, 8-21m., 8-25s.

P. and O. s.s. Peninsular, with English mails of the 28th ultimo, due to arrive, 3 a.m.

English Press and Manufacturing Company, Tamarind Lane, 3 p.m.

Bombay Exiles Races, Byculla Club, Ladies' Tiffin.

Royal Bombay Yacht Club Regatta.

B. V. R., Commandant's parade, afternoon.

Music at the Racecourse, 3-30 p.m.

Music on the Esplanade, 5-30 p.m.

Music at the Victoria Gardens, 5-45 p.m.

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Bombay Foxhounds meet at Parla.

Byculla Satya Samaj Fund, 3 p.m.

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DAMAUN.—Rain continued dropping the whole of Wednesday night, making the total rainfall up to 6 a.m., on Thursday (Thursday), 2 inches and 57 cents. On Thursday morning the public roads were covered with fresh leaves which had been torn by the force of the wind from the trees, and here and there a few trees were uprooted, while in the gardens the hope of mango-blossoms were scattered everywhere. The mango-blossoms gardens will suffer a heavy loss by the injury inflicted upon the mangoes.

A GUJARATI LECTURE ON PLAGUE AND SEGREGATION.—Mr. K. R. Cama, the president of the Rahnumai Mazdayasnan Sabha, will deliver a lecture, to-day, under the auspices of the above Sabha, at 5 p.m., in the hall on the Fort Esplanade, astrian fire-temple at Chandanwady, the subject being: "The Zoroastrian tenets to promptly treat plague cases, to avoid contagion, to avoid water wastage, and to provide segregation camps." All Zoroastrians are cordially invited to attend.

MUSIC AT THE RACECOURSE.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry will play the following programme, under the direction of Bandmaster J. A. Hallandaine, at the Mahalaxmi Racecourse, this afternoon, at 3-30 :—

March	City Sights ..... Cubolka
Overture	Light Cavalry ..... Suppe
Reminiscences of	The Gaiety ..... Meyer Lutz
Valse	The Flower Vase ..... Godfrey
Reminisce ces of	England ..... Godfrey
Galop	Vivacity ..... Rosenkranz

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

MUSIC ON THE ESPLANADE.—By permission of Colonel R. S. Lizard and officers, the Band of the B. B. & C. I. Ry. Volunteer Rifle Corps will play the following programme, at the Esplanade Bandstand, this evening, at 5-30 :—

War March of the Priests	Mendelssohn
Overture	Dino d'Olonne ..... Auber
Spanish Ballet Music	Lavenu
Valse	La Barcarolle ..... Waldteufel
Selection from The Barrack-room Ballads	A. Morelli
Quickstep	Dorner ..... Zielner

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Synopsis :—

1 The Young British Soldier. 2 I'm the Road to to Mandalay. 3 Route Marchin'. 4 Soldier, Soldier come from the Wars. 5 Screw-Guns. 6 Danny Deever. 7 Troopin'. 8 Ford. O'Kabul River. 9 Fiaas.

MUSIC AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—By permission of Major S. Gore Browne and officers, the Band of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme at the Victoria Gardens, this evening, at 5-45 :—

March	Santa Teresa ..... Moroni.
Overture	Bandiera Streche ..... Suppe.
Polka	Les Sylphes ..... Faust.
Selection	Folk Songs of Italy ..... Campenotti
Valse	Lady ..... Barcelosi
Galop	The Rose ..... Meltzjan.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

A PLAGUE PATIENT SETS FIRE TO HIMSELF.—Shivram Gurnaoo, a Hindu, aged twenty-five years, a resident of Carry Road, had been suffering from fever for the last five days. On Thursday afternoon, while under the diffusion of fever, the man emptied the contents of a small tin of kerosene oil over his clothes worn by him and set fire to them. Fortunately his brother came on in time and extinguished the flames before the man had been burnt. It has been done to the patient's body. Shivram was then conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where on examination he was found to be suffering from plague and was consequently conveyed to the Gra. t Road Hospital.

COURT MARTIAL.—At a district court martial, held at Bombay, 3rd Class Assistant Surgeon David Davis, Indian Subordinate Medical Department, was arraigned upon the following charge :—Neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that, he, at Bombay, on the 25th of November 1897, after having been ordered by Surgeon-Major Maurice O'Connor Drury, Army Medical Staff, not to leave his patient, Lieut.-Colonel William G. Straghan, 1st Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, without permission, neglected to obey the said order by absenting himself from the said Lieut. Colonel Straghan without having obtained permission to do so. The court found that the prisoner is guilty of the charge, and sentenced him to be reduced to the bottom of his rank as if his appointments thereto bore date the 5th day of February 1893. The sentence is confirmed by H. E. General Nairne.

THRASHING AND LOCKING UP HIS KEPT-MISTRESS.—An half-past 9 o'clock, on Thursday evening, one Dinna, a woman, proceeded to the Byculla police station and there gave information to Inspector Goken that one Rozeena, a Mahomedan woman, had been locked up in a room on the third storey of chawl at Haines Road. On the police going to the room, they found the front door locked with padlocks. A padlock, a punch, and a hammer, and in the presence of the members of the punch the locks were forced open and the police and the punch entered the room. The woman was found lying with several wheals on her body, and she was immediately removed to the J. J. Hospital. From inquiries made by the police, it appears that the woman Rozeena was in the keeping of a Parsee, named Jamsetjee, and had been living with him for the last eight months. He had been threatening her since the last six months, and whenever he went out he locked her up in the room. On Tuesday, the 8th instant, at about 5 p.m., he gave her a severe beating with a cane, inflicting about ten wheals on her body, locked her in, and then left. The accused is being sought for by the police.

AHMEDABAD NEWS.—Writing on Thursday, an Ahmedabad correspondent says :—A sudden change has come over the weather here during the last three days. From early morning, yesterday, the sky was quite cloudy and there was a drizzling rain for over four hours in the course of the day. The sky was clear at night, but at 2 a.m. again there was a heavy shower of rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, which lasted for more than an hour. The sky has, however, cleared this morning but the cold in consequence of yesterday's and last night's rain still continues. A mild form of influenza has been prevailing here for some days past.—The dead body of a Hindu woman was found cleft up in a bundle on Friday morning near the Jalna Apadvara boy and Savan Narayen's Mandir. Two police have arrested on suspicion a bawa and a khatri. Further inquiries are still being made in this matter.—It consequence of the huts in the Asparandhe Co up at Ahmedabad having become uninhabitable on account of rain, yesterday, two special trains brought about 3,000 passengers from there last night. They are quartered in the Gaekwar's Haveli, where passengers coming here from infected places are kept in quarantine for a fixed period.

THEFT OF ORNAMENTS.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. W. Webb, Inspector Joshi's charged Gokal alias Dee chand Doolpat with theft as a servant in respect of gold and silver ornaments, valued at Rs. 300, the property of Punamchand Maganchand, and Dowlatram Navlai with receiving and disposing of the stolen property. The complainant, who is employed in a glazier's shop at Abdul Rahiman Street, reported to the police, on the 12th instant, the theft of gold and silver ornaments from a locked box which he had placed in his room, at Bapu Khote Street. On the day in question he locked his house at 12 noon, and gave the keys to the first accused to keep, and on his return in the afternoon he found him missing. He had the lock of the door broken open, and on entering his room, discovered that a locked box had been opened by violence, and the property stolen. On receiving certain information, Inspector Joshi proceeded to Dadan Road and arrested the first accused with a considerable amount of property in his possession. The accused made a statement, in consequence of which the second accused was arrested, and the stolen property was recovered from him. The magistrate convicted and sentenced both the accused to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

DEATH OF MR. P. D. COORLAWALLA.—It is with regret we notice the death, in his eighty-first year, of Mr. Pestonjee Dhunjeebhoy Coorlawalla, at his residence in Barracks Lane, Fort. Upwards of half-a-century ago he was a well-established merchant trading with Calcutta and China. He was a partner in the then well-known firm of Messrs. P. and C. N. Cama and Company, which carried on extensive business with the Far Eastern countries. He was one of the trustees of the Parsi Charitable Funds in China from 1847 to 1868. He was considered a high mercantile authority among the merchants of China and Calcutta. When the Right Hon'ble the Earl of Elgin (father of the present Viceroy of India) arrived at Hongkong on the 2nd of July 1857, in his capacity of H. Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Pekin, his Excellency was received by a deputation consisting of the foreign merchants of that colony, of whom the late Mr. Pestonji Coorlawalla was the leader. The deceased gentleman spent the greater part of his life in Calcutta and China in carrying on mercantile business. For the last thirty years he had led a retired life in Bombay. His funeral was largely attended, testifying to the esteem and respect in which he was generally held by the Parsee community.

LEADING A YOUNG GIRL ASTRAY.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Begum Beebee, and a Pathan, named Ahmedkhan Mahomedkhan, were charged by Inspector Barker with letting for hire for immoral purposes Khatija, a girl aged twelve years. Superintendent Hack directed the prosecution. It appeared that the girl was married to an embroiderer, named Musabail Warasail, but was subsequently abandoned by him as she would not observe "purdha" in conformity with the Mahomedan custom. Some relations then gave her home, but she was afterwards prevailed upon by the first accused to live with her in a house of bad repute as a servant. In this she was abetted by the second accused. On the 9th instant Inspector Barker was informed about the matter by Aga Mirza Saleh Mirza, a relation of the girl. The accused stated in their defence that they had taken up the girl out of charity as she had become destitute. The magistrate observed that the offence committed by the accused was of exceedingly disgusting nature, and had it not been for the fact that the girl was used to a wandering life before she was received by the accused, he would have dealt with them with greater severity. Under the circumstances he would sentence each of them to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment.

SOCIAL GATHERING, HOLKAR COLLEGE, INDORE.—The third annual gathering of the past and present students of the Holkar College came off on Sunday. Many of the past students were present at the time, As laid down in the programme, the ceremony began with an interesting game of football, which lasted for an hour. Then followed at 5 a.m., an address on "Some aspects of Education" delivered by Prof. M.A., LL.B. The address was very interesting. The hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. were occupied in tea, tiffin, and recreation, which consisted of various games such as chess, cards, and the like. All the company was very merry. Then, at 2 p.m., a learned address on "Universal Religion" was delivered by Prof. Patasikar, M.A. The College Shastri then engaged the attention of the company for nearly half-an-hour by his address in Sanskrit. The time after this was set apart for out-door games, such as cricket, tennis, football, and hockey. The banquet at 5-15 p.m. The banquet hall was splendidly decorated. Distribution of pan-supari, attar, and flowers followed the banquet and then all sat down to sing songs and music. Throughout the proceedings great interest was shown by Prof. Bhandarkar, B.A., L.M. & S., who is now the officiating Principal in the absence of Mr. E. C. Cholmondeley. Throughout the whole day and in all the affairs connected with it, it seemed that great trouble had been taken by the secretaries, Messrs. K. K. Mandlekkar and C. M. Taulbe.

SURAT NEWS.—Nature, writes a correspondent, having conspired against the arrangements of the authorities, the people quartered here in several segregation and observation camps for the last three months and more, owing to the plague, found themselves suddenly delivered from their temporary bondage yesterday morning. Strong winds blowing for the last few days, coupled with heavy rains, which commenced on Tuesday night, seemed to be the precursors of an unexpected downpour of rain, which continued to fall in showers from 8 in the morning till 2 in the afternoon. The confusion among the people living in camp was intense, and crowds of them flocked to the Collector's bungalow to ask permission to return to their homes. The permission was granted at last, and people cheerfully bustled about in mud and water knee-deep, carrying their goods in carts and carriages. The following wards are formed, and it is intended to provide a separate camp, to be erected near Magbod :—wards at first not permitted to leave the camp, Dabholi, Salabatpura, and Nanpura. Although the day, the cries of men, women, and children, drenched to the skin with water, became unbearable, and Mr. Peyton was obliged to relieve them permission. People living in the Variav Segregation Camp, who has not completed their ten days' term of detention, were not allowed to return to their houses, but were marched off under police escort to the Sorabji J. J. High School premises, where they have been kept under restraint. Similar arrangements were made for persons from up-country detained in the quarantine camp near the Railway station.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

FIRST DAY, 12TH FEBRUARY 1898.

30 Footer Class Race.—Start at 2-30 p.m.

Boats' name.	Rating	Entered by
Nanta	30'43	Mr C T R Scovell
Urquhart	30'35	Mr J S Urquhart
Kismet	30'35	Mr W P Symonds
Melody	29'33	Mr J B K Macbeth

Course No. 3.—From Committee Vessel round South Karanja Buoy, leaving it to starboard, round North Karanja Buoy, leaving it to port, and thence to Committee Vessel. Length of course 10'84 miles.

Cruisers' Handicap Race.—Start at 2-45 p.m.

Boat's Name.	Entered by
Chika	Mr E Comber
Red Rose	Comdr T G R Finny
Violet	Mr G E Lee
Pixie	Messrs E R Smetham and G E Howse
Princess	Mr H Mills
Isa	Mr J P Chrystal
Manikin	Officers, R A
Stella	Surg-Lt-Col H W Boyd

Course No. 4—(as above)

Ship's Boats Race.—Start at 3-0 p.m.

Boats' Name.	Entered by
H M S Plassy' Cutter	Lt & Comdr A B France, R N
H M S Magdala's Cutter	Mr Geo W Silvester
H M S Dalgety's Cutter	Dr A Houlton
H M S Abyssinia' Cutter	Mr A W McArthur.

Course No. 1.—From Committee Vessel round south Karanja Buoy, round Sunk Rock and thence to Committee Vessel, leaving all marks to starboard. Length of course 7'13 miles.

Tomtit Class Race.—Start at 3-15 p.m.

Boats name.	Entered by
Teal	Mr W Murray.
Coralie	Mr C Hopkins.
Tomtit	Mr R H Hopkins.
Cygnet	Mr E C Romaris.
Sunbeam	Mr C W Taylor.
Mandy	Major H D Olivier, RE
Mary	Capt W Chandler, RN
Lorna	Mr M P Bird.

Course No. 13, rever-ed, viz. From Committee Vessel round Markby Buoy, leaving it to Starboard, ship Buoy, leaving it to port round Middle Ground Buoy, leaving it to port, and thence to Committee Vessel. (3 times round). Length of course 5'7 miles

MILITARY NEWS.

MAJOR H. WOOD, Connaught Rangers, officiates as Station Staff Officer, first class, Bengal Command, vice Captain Bailey.

1st Bengal Lancers.—Lieutenant C. D. Mears to be Squadron Officer.

8th Bengal Infantry.—Lieutenant C. A. E. Omera to be Wing Officer, vice Captain Marson.

24th Madras Infantry.—Lieutenant H. G. T. Cosbby, Dorsetshire Regiment, to be officiating Wing Officer.

19th Madras Infantry.—Second-Lieutenant H. Miller to be officiating Wing Officer.

Bombay Lancers.—Lieutenant R. L. C. Wilkinson, 5th Dragoon Guards, to be officiating Squadron Officer.

Military Works Department.—Captain Schreiber, R.E., is posted to headquarters and permit

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 11.

SINCE the middle of the past week the conditions of the weather have been cyclonic, and from the districts heavy rain is reported to have fallen. Some apprehensions were entertained as to the Cotton crop, but happily the telegraphic advices from the Cotton-growing area state the damage done by the rainfall to the pods to be quite trifling, although the weather continues cloudy and unseasonable for the time of year in some districts. The business done in this staple has on the whole been moderate, and prices have partially advanced Re. 1 to Rs. 2. Exchange has been a quiet market, and quotations are slightly higher, being given this evening at 3-32d. more for Bank, and 7-32d. for Private Paper. Quiet but firm in tone Government Paper has shown to a slight extent a downward tendency in prices, which as compared with last Friday's are 5-16 per cent. lower for 3 1-2 per Cents, but 1 per cent. higher for Threes. Money is still very scarce; the Bank of Bombay rates remain unaltered. Owing to an absence of enquiry for tonnage Freights have been in small request, and the limited business reported has been to continental ports. Imports have been taken very sparingly, but the tone of the market is rather better, and prices are firmer.

MONEY.—As shown by the figures of the Statement of Affairs of the Bank of Bombay issued on Monday, there were heavy withdrawals last week from Private Deposits, amounting to about 20 1-2 lakhs, and as well from Public Deposits at the head office and the branches of over 3 lakhs in either case; and these backed by a decrease of some 3 1-4 lakhs in bills Discounted and Purchased, reduced the Cash Balance by 33 3-4 lakhs. To loans there was an addition of nearly 7 lakhs, and in Government Securities the trifling increase of Rs. 13,000.

Meanwhile Money continues very scarce, the rates of discount being 12 per cent. both at the bank and in the open market.

EXCHANGE.—At opening last mail-day the market was steady in tone at 1s. 3 25-32d. to 13-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 31-32d. for three months' sight Credits, with but a limited business passing. A firm feeling prevailed on Monday with Bank Telegraphic and Demand quoted at 1s. 3 25-32d. to 13-16d., and three months' sight Credits at 1s. 3 31-32d. to 1s. 4d. The enquiry for Bank Paper was nominal; but a few Merchants' Bills were placed at 1s. 3 31-33d. and 1s. 4d. Re-sales of Bank Wire Transfer also came out and were done at 1s. 3 7-8d. to some extent. On Tuesday the market was steady in tone at 1s. 3 7-8d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 1-16d. for three months' sight Credits. The latter were scarce; for the former there was but little enquiry, and the business passing was very limited. Bank Telegraphic and Demand were quoted on Wednesday at 1s. 3 7-8d., and three months' sight Credits at 1s. 4 1-16d., with nothing offering in the latter for any delivery, and a very meagre demand for Bank Paper. Rates ruled yesterday at 1s. 3 7-8d. for Bank Telegraphic and demand, and 1s. 4 1-16d. for three months' sight Credits. Merchants' Bills were in fair request, but for Bank Paper was limited; a small amount of the latter was reported done at 1s. 3 29-32d. The market has to-day been steady in tone at 1s. 3 7-8d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 1-16d. for three months' sight Credits, with only a moderate business passing. Closing rates are quiet but steady as follows :—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 3 7-8d.	per rupee.
" Telegraphic	1s. 3 7-8d.	"
" 3 mos' sight	1s. 4 1-16d.	"
Credits 3 do	1s. 4 1-16d.	"
Do. 6 do	1s. 4 3-32d.	"
Documents 3 do	1s. 4 3-32d.	"
Do. 6 do	1s. 4 3-16d.	"
Francs 3 do	169 1-4	"
Do. 6 do	169 1-4	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER was quiet at opening on Saturday last, with 96 1-2 quoted for Money, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 97 1-16 for Account. Quiet, not to say dull, on Monday, rates for 3 1-2 per Cents were given nominally at 96 11-16 for both Money and Account, with 88 for 3 per Cents. The market opened with a firm feeling on Tuesday at 96 3-8 for Cash, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 97 for the Settlement; Threes were lower at 87. There was no improvement in the dull state of the market on Wednesday, when 3 1-2 per Cents were quoted at 96 1-4 for Cash and 97 for the Settlement, Threes being unchanged. Yesterday rates were quiet but steady at 96 5-8 for Money, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 97 1-16 for Account, with 88 for Threes. Prices are unchanged to-day for Cash, for 3 1-2 per Cents, but 1-16 per cent. lower for the Settlement at 97 1-4; Threes continue at 88.

Municipal 5 per cent. Loan has declined 4 per cent. to 115, and Port Trust Loans have advanced 1 1-2 per cent. to 101.

SHARES.—The few fluctuations reported in prices have ruled equally in favour of as buyers with sellers. Our revised list shows as against last Friday's quotations an advance of Rs. 25, in Colabas; of Rs. 22½ in Nusseriwanjees; of Rs. 20 each, in Central India, and Lukhmidas; of Rs. 5, in China; and of Rs. 2½, in Currimbhoy; and a decline of Rs. 10 each, in Jam of Bombay, and Imperial; of Rs. 5 each, in James Greaves, and Mazagaon. In Presses, New Indian, are Rs. 11 1-4 higher. Of Miscellaneous shares, Alcock Ashdown have advanced Rs. 5; while on the other hand, Bombay-Burmah, have declined Rs. 50 in the first issue; and Delhi and Northern India Flour, Rs. 12 1-2; and Oriental Government Security Life, Rs. 2. In Banks, Bank of Bengal shares, are Rs. 40 lower; and National Bank, Rs. 15.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—In Grey-Goods dealers have shown willingness to reduce their holdings, but up-country buyers come forward very tardily, and the consignees on a very small business done. Stocks are increasing. For Bleached, Dyed, Turkey-Red, and Printed Goods prices are nominal, and in these as well as in Locally-made Goods rates are unchanged from their previous level. The clearances of Imported Goods from the bazaar have been about 1,500 packages, and of Local Goods some 1,000 bales.

YARNS.—China buyers have purchased to some extent during the week; rates are generally unaltered. Locally, the market is steady; sales have amounted to 6,000 bales; and official quotations are given as follows :—

Twist	No.			As. &			
"	8s	"	"	2 7-8	to	4 1-2	"
"	10s	"	"	3 1-8	"	4 3-4	"
"	12s	"	"	4 1-4	"	5	"
"	16s	"	"	4 13-16	"	5 1-2	"
"	20s	"	"	5 3-8	"	6 3-4	"
"	24s	"	"	5 3-4	"	6 3-8	"
"	30s	"	"	6 1-2	"	7	"
"	40s	"	"	7 1-4	"	8	"
"	do.	"	"	Nil		Nil	

METALS.—There has been a decline of 8 ans. in the price of Braziers' Copper, which is quoted at Rs. 45 1-2 per cwt.; Yellow Metal, on the other hand, has advanced 4 ans. to Rs. 37 1-2 per cwt. Swedish Bar Iron is Rs. 7 per candy, and Rs. 53 per candy.

COALS.—Re-sales of Powell's Duffryn, January shipment, have been done at Rs. 17 1-2 to Rs. 17 3-4 per ton, and for February-March shipment, at Rs. 17 1-2 per ton. Davison's W. Hartley has changed hands at Rs. 15 3-4 to Rs. 16. Small lots of Bengal coal in ready steamers have been sold from Rs. 13-8 to Rs. 13-10 per ton. Some Wilson's South Yorkshire, February shipment, has been done at Rs. 15 3-4 per ton. The market at closing is steady; we quote alongside :—

	Ready.	Forward.
Welsh Hartley	Nil	Nil
West "	Nil	Rs. 16 per ton.
Australian	Nil	Nil
Powell's	Rs. 18 1-2 per ton	Rs. 18 "
Cardiff	Nil	" 18 "
Japan	Nil	Nil
Bengal	Rs. 13 3-4 per ton.	Rs. 13 1-4 "
Singareni	Nil	Nil
Seebpore	" 13 3-4 "	" 13 1-4 "
Sanctoria	Nil	Nil
Deshagur	" 14 1-4 "	" 13 1-2 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—The weather in the Cotton-growing districts has during the latter half of the week been disturbed by cyclonic winds accompanied by rainfall, which, however, has but slightly damaged the plants here and there. A moderate enquiry from both shippers and the mills has prevailed, and for descriptions of Bhownugger, Khandeish, and Bengal prices are reported to be Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per candy higher. To-day the market has been steady with but little doing.

The Receipts of Cotton of the new crop into Bombay during the week have been 62,000 bales, compared with 45,500 bales to hand last week, and 40,500 bales in the corresponding week last year. The total falling off in this season's arrivals of new cotton as against those of last year is now 115,500 bales.

The telegraphic weather and crop reports received on Monday advised that in the Hubli district of the Dharwar circle the Cotton plants continued to suffer from cold winds; but the Wheat crop was doing well. The early arrivals of Cotton at Barsi were expected to show black leaf; but in all the other districts the prospects were favourable, the weather having continued favourable.

Yesterday's advices from the districts stated that heavy continuous rain fell in the Cawnpore district of the Bengal circle; and at Agra there was every appearance of a continued fall. In the Broach district rain was general, and damage to the Cotton crop was expected. At Dhulia and Julgaon the weather was cloudy, and in the latter district there was slight drizzle. At Dholera and Bhownugger rain also fell, measuring 28 and 16 cents, respectively. In the latter district, as well as at Barsi and Hubli, the weather was cloudy and unseasonable.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight, to Liverpool via Canal, without commission, viz. :—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs. 150—3 1-8	3.
Do. Fully Good	" 128—2 31-32d.	
Do. Good	" Nil.	
Belatee, Fine	" 156—3 1-8d.	
Do. Fully Good	" 147—3 3-32d.	
Khandeish, Fully Good	" 148—3 3-32d.	
Oomra, Fully Good	" 157—3 1-4d.	
Dholera, Fine	" 170—3 7-16d.	
Do. Fully Good	" 160—3 3-32d.	
Do. Good	" 158—3 1-4d.	
S G Dharwar, Good	" 170—3 7-16d.	
Westerne do.	" 160—3 3-32d.	
Broach, Fine	" Nil.	
Do. do. March	" 176—3 15-32d.	
Do. Good	" Nil.	
Do do. March	" 173—3 7-16d.	

The Arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay this season, as compared with last, are as follows :—

	Season. 1897-98.	Season. 1896-97.
	F. P. Bales.	F. P. Bales.
Bengals	73,000	143,000
Berar	133,000	150,000
Khandeish	138,500	130,000
Barsee and Nuggur	32,000	20,000
Hingunghat	5,000	7,000
Persian and Sind	5,000	1,000
Broach		24,000
Dholera	1,000	7,000
	377,500	493,000

The movements of Cotton to-date show the following comparison with the previous two years :—

	Bombay.	Bengal.	Madras.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
For the week	51,807	10,237	3,651
From 1st Jan. to 10th Feb.	201,217	217,520	386,165
Shipments to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	7,221	11,750	19,325
From 1st Jan. to 10th Feb.	42,501	75,937	137,192
Shipments to China, Japan, Ceylon, &c.			
For the week	17,418	18,756	11,375
From 1st Jan. to 10th Feb.	39,973	67,347	16,573

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—With little or no business passing in these markets, prices show no fluctuation from their previous level.

The comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows :—

	1898.	1897.	1893.
	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	17,173	33,700	52,309
Do. from 1st January to 10th Feb.	144,506	71,191	368,045
Linseed for the week	13,917	4,313	101,783
Do. from 1st January to 10th Feb.	103,779	23,707	188,746
Rapeseed for the week	6,709	4,771	7,304
Do. from 1st January to 10th Feb.	28,151	14,314	35,199
Gingellyseed for the week	40,531	27,040	93,053
Do. from 1st January to 10th Feb.	264,151	87,436	370,055

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows :—

	1898.	1897.	1896.
	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	...	...	17,480
Do. from 1st January to 10th Feb.	...	811	70,937
Linseed for the week	40,341	22,038	10,529
Do. from 1st January to 10th Feb.	345,475	72,474	149,401
Rapeseed for the week	23,433	007	6,000
Do. from 1st January to 10th Feb.	125,546	49,122	180,008
Gingellyseed for the week	102,899	2,935	65,000
Do. from 1st January to 10th Feb.	397,222	73,406	293,055

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Sahara, 2,604 tons, Captain William Cane, cleared yesterday for Calcutta with the same bottom cargo.

The s s Incharran, 1,834 tons, Captain R Jones, arrived in harbour yesterday from Antwerp 2nd January via Karrachee with a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Glade & Co. She experienced cyclonic weather during the voyage.

THE B I S N Co's s s Deraika, 702 tons Captain J G Tice, will sail to-day for Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers—Mr E Rabsch, Mr James Macdonald, Mr C Walke, Lieut S H Radcliffe, Mr and Mrs Ash, and child, Mrs and two Misses J J Castello, Mr J Crummy and 65 deck.

THE s s Leander, 1,888 tons, Captain A Hamilton, arrived in harbour yesterday from Cardiff 12th January, with a cargo of railway materials. The vessels is consigned to Messrs W & A Graham & Co During the voyage she experienced fine weather except the past 48 hours wind from W N W to N W and high sea.

THE Bombay & Persia S N Co's s s Mobile, 930 tons, Captain E J Beag, arrived in harbour yesterday from Mussowa with a general cargo and Mr Constantine as a passenger. During the voyage on the 9th and 10th instant experienced strong N W to N W wind and high confused sea, wind blowing to north and moderating.

THE following is the list of passengers proceeding by the s s Poseidon, sailing to-day at 1 p.m. for Trieste :—from Bombay to Trieste—Mr and Mrs C Chambers, Mr Theo Pfisterer, Capt N F Parker, Major R J Spurrell, Mr E G Swan, Mr J Nasbun, Capt A H Keilloh, Mr J Newirzal, Mr F Shmoly for Karachi—Mr J B Porter, Mr Thos H Hodson, and 6 deck passengers, for Aden—Capt B L Carew, Lt o B Hodgson, and 13 deck passengers, from Karachi to Trieste—Mr Potonnas, Mr Schiavi Mr W Nathan, Mr S Lang, Mrs Parie, Mr Scranack, Mr Williams and Major and Mrs R F Chesney.

DANGEROUS SHORE IN THE GULF.

A telegramdated Bushire 10th February from the Officer Commanding R I M S "Lawrence" to the Director of the Royal Indian Marine says :—Rock or Shoal Dangerous to navigation, has been reported as above in Latitude and Longitude indicated Muhammerah Barracks bearing South 3-4 Mile.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—FEBRUARY 11.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A	Carthage	2329	Landon	London	19-1	P & O S N Co
H	Tokio	1841	Jones	Karachi		F M & Co
B	Ulua Gulf	1262	Mann	Madras	1-2	F M & Co
G	Safari	852	Klaus	Zanzibar	18-2	F Heyer
N	Mercara	777				M & Co
R	Kadlar	1781	Pulloch	N F		Bombay Co, Ltd
Q	Haj	852	Smith	Hamburg		K Nixon & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Mahanadi	17	Parker	N F	S & Co
Brahmani	158	Cassano	Mangalore	12-2	S & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
1	Peshawar	2293	Vibert	China	16-2	P & O S N Co
2	Thames	2221	Shaw	China	16-2	P & O S N Co
7	Poseidon	1415	Mayer	Trieste	12-2	A Lloyd Co
3	Malpensa	1515	Mazzoleni	Trieste	16-2	A Lloyd Co
5	Big Bear	458	Junghans	Mauritius		V Kbraham
14	Dwarka	739	Tice	Karrachee	12-2	M & Co

MERKWETHER DRY DOCK.

Safari	Steamer	Tice	F H yer

* Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich mean time, 7h. 30m. 4.7s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle is arranged to be dropped precisely at 1 p.m. of Colaba mean time, or 8h. 8m. 11·20 of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
11	Leander s.	Hamilton	Cardiff, Jan 12.
	Incharran s	Jones	Antwerp via Karachi
	Mobile s	Bean	Mussowa.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—

Steamer Dwarka, Tice for Karachi.
" Sahara, Cave for Calcutta.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 9.

Parker, Capt, Bengal, 6th B L I, on furlough, from Meerut.
Swann, Lt, Sc. R H A, on furlough, from Kirkee.

FEBRUARY 11.

Jacson, Capt, Punjab, Divonshire Regt, on leave, from Jullunder.

DEPARTURES.—FEBRUARY 8.

Johnston, Capt, Punjab, 13th B L, to joined, to Ferozpore.

FEBRUARY 9.

Mcynell, 2nd Lt, Ms, 2nd Suffolk Regt, on duty, to Mandalay.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, 11th February, 1898.

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T. W. CUFFE, Capt., Commanding.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY COLONEL R. S. BROWN, V. D., COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 12th February, 1898.

1. The Regiment will parade to-day Saturday, the 12th instant, at 5 p.m., at the Gymkhana end of the parade ground, for Commanding Officer's parade. Dress—Review order—Khaki.

2. The Regiment will fall in for church parade at the Gymkhana end of the parade ground at 3 p.m., to-morrow Sunday, the 13th instant. Dress.—Khaki helmets and side arms. Pouches will not be worn.

By Order,
C. MOSS, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR G.W. ROUGHTON, A.D.C., COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 12th February, 1898.

1. The Sub-divisions of No 1 Company are allotted the use of the Fort Drill Gun during the ensuring week as follows:—Monday—8-30 to 9-45 p.m. No 3 Sub-division No 1 Company and 9-15 to 10 p.m. No 4 Sub-division No 1 Company.
Tuesday—8-30 to 9-15 p.m. No 1 Sub-division No 1 Company and 9-15 to 10 p.m. No 2 Sub-division No 1 Company.
Wednesday—8-30 to 9-15 p.m. No 8 Sub-division No 1 Company and 9-15 to 10 p.m. No 2 Sub-division No 1 Company.
Thursday—8-30 to 9-15 p.m. No 4 Sub-division No 1 Company and 9-15 to 10 p.m. No 1 Sub-division No 1 Company.

By Order
A. J. PEILE

TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

AMENDMENT TO THE ADDRESS.

LONDON, Feb. 11.

In the House of Commons, last night, Mr. J. Pease, supported by Sir W. V. Harcourt, moved an amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech, regretting the inefficiency of the measures for the abolition of slavery at Zanzibar and Pemba.

Mr. Curzon, in reply, said that Government desires to liberate the people without ruining industry.

He thought the tendency of freed slaves to work for their former masters deserved encouragement.

The Amendment on being put to the vote was rejected by 181 against 120.

MORE SHIPS FOR THE CHINA STATION.

Her Majesty's battleship Victorious and cruiser Gibraltar have been ordered to reinforce the China Squadron.

THE TREATY WITH KING MENELIK.

The Treaty between Great Britain and King Menelik has been published. It gives Great Britain the most favoured nation treatment. Menelik will do his utmost to prevent arms and munitions reaching the Dervishes, whom he declares his enemies.

Great Britain allows a free passage through British territory of arms and munitions destined for Menelik.

The Treaty also delimits the frontier of the Somali Protectorate.

AFFAIRS IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 10.

Mr. Curzon, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said the Chief Mwanga had left German territory and entered Budda, and that Major Macdonald had started to check his advance with two more companies of Indian troops, making five altogether pushing to the front.

RESIGNATION OF THE SPANISH MINISTER AT WASHINGTON.

The report that Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish Minister at Washington, had resigned, is confirmed, and the Spanish Cabinet to-day accepted his resignation.

LEGAL APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Charles Arnold White has been appointed Advocate-General at Madras.

THE B. I. OFFICERS' STRIKE.

BOTH SIDES HOLDING OUT.

APPEAL IN AID OF THE OFFICERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, Feb. 11.

The Madura arrived to-day with the English mails, Her officers were transferred to the Karagola, which left immediately with the Calcutta mails. One of the officers on strike here has obtained berth on the sailing ship.

A deputation waited on the Lieutenant-Governor, yesterday. His Honour communicated with Sir James Mackay, and in reply received a telegram, from which the following is an extract :—" It is impossible to promise to take them all back or to make any agreement with them as a body, but I will arrange, in deference to your Honour, if you ask me to do so, that each man who desires to return to our employment may communicate with the local agents, when his case will be considered, and he will be informed whether we can take him or not ; but his application for employment and return must be absolutely unconditional, and he must pledge himself not to be a member of any guild or association having for its object an interference with the company's administration, he must give his word never again to break his articles of agreement, and his acceptance of employment must not be contingent on re-employment of any other officer."

The "Rangoon Times and Gazette" has opened a fund in aid of those officers who desire to leave Rangoon in search of employment.

Your contemporary says :—" Naturally officers decline to hand themselves over to the tender mercies of Sir James Mackay and the British India Company in the fashion prescribed in the telegram to the Lieutenant-Governor, as they say that the company Rangoon and again broken its promises to them. They are now without employment in Rangoon fifty young Englishmen whose conduct since they have come ashore has been above reproach. The miserable salaries they drew in their late service, salaries on a par with those of a somewhat inferior class of native labour, have given them little chance of saving anything, and in Rangoon they cannot get work."

The paper appeals for subscriptions to enable the men to ship to other ports.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, Feb. 11.

Captain H. Jennings Bramley, 1st Battalion, Royal Highlanders, on being relieved of the appointment of officiating Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General for Instruction at Poona by Major Beresford, is directed to rejoin his Battalion. Captain Jennings-Bramley will travel on duty at the public expense.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces is pleased to make the following appointments :—Captain Roche, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, to be Superintendent of the Government Gymnasium at Poona, vice Lieutenant Lewis, 2nd Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment, who reverts to his regiment on completion of two years' tenure on the 1st March next.

Military Works Department—On return from field service, Major Blunt, Royal Engineers, is posted to Mhow Division, Military Works. Lieutenant Tillard, Royal Engineers, having been transferred to Bombay Command, on relinquishing his officiating appointment as Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, is posted to Quetta Circle, Military Works.

Under instructions received from the War Office, it is notified that Major Hamilton Gordon, No. 18 Company, Eastern Division, has been transferred to the 1st Field Battery, R. A., in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Temple, promoted to that rank, and posted to the Home Establishment. Second-Lieutenant Warburton, No. 8 Company, Western Division, has been transferred to No. 21 Company, Southern Division, R. A.

It is notified for information that the Government of India have sanctioned the amendment of Article 219, Army Regulations, India, Vol. I., Part II., so as to admit of compensation for dearness of provisions being drawn by Native soldiers on furlough in Bombay when employed on the duty of accompanying sick comrades to their homes.

The Inspector of Gymnasia, Madras and Bombay Commands, will make his annual inspection of the 1st Battalion, Shropshire Light Infantry, at Bombay, on or about the 16th February 1898.

The undermentioned officers are granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the s cified period to count from the date of being struck off duty :—Major Yate, S.C., Second-in-Command, 29th Bombay Infantry, for one year (pension service twenty-first year commenced 19th March 1897) ; and Lieutenant Calvert, officiating Wing Officer, 20th Bombay Infantry, for one year (pension service sixth year commenced 13th July 1897).

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing, the specified period to count from the date of leaving India :—Captain Anderson, Assistant Commissary-General, for six months (pension service fifteenth year commenced 25th August 1897).

The undermentioned officers and Warrant officers have leave of absence :—Military Works Department —Lieutenant Weekes, R.E., from 15th November to 20th December 1897, in India. Royal Artillery—Captain Drake, No. 2 Mountain Battery, one year, on private affairs, out of India.

Indian Subordinate Medical Department—Second Class Assistant Surgeon Cordeiro, 3 months, on medical certificate, in India.

THE PESTILENCE IN POONA.

There were 4 cases and 2 deaths recorded in the City, to-day, the total mortality being 8 ; no case or death occurred in the Cantonment and also in the District ; and 4 imported cases and one death in the suburban limits.

THE STORM AND QUARANTINE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 10.

A storm passed over here at 2 a.m., accompanied by thunder, lightning and rain. It lasted about half-an-hour.

Three thousand people arrived this morning by seven special trains from Anand Quarantine Camp, owing to the want of accommodation and wet weather. Some are under quarantine, and some to be under observation are released on security by the plague authorities.

THE TIRAH EXPEDITION.

GENERAL PALMER AT MAMANI.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

MAMANI, Feb. 11.

Sir Power Palmer, with the head-quarter staff of the 2nd Division, arrived yesterday, and will remain here for the present. He inspected the new road at the left bank of the Bara River, which is making good progress.

A PICQUET FIRED UPON.

The Gandao post picquet in the Bara Valley was fired upon at a long range by a raiding party of about twenty Afridis, on Wednesday. One man of the 2nd Punjabis was dangerously wounded.

DEATH OF PRIVATE RIVETT.

Private Rivett, K. O. Y. L. I., who was a prisoner in the hands of the Afridis, died yesterday morning.

THE 18TH ROYAL IRISH.

The 18th Royal Irish are coming here with the 3rd Brigade. They are looking very fit, and their being sent up ought to silence the many unfounded and unkind rumours that have been circulated.

REGIMENTAL MOVEMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Feb. 11.

The Royal Irish Regiment arrived at Peshawar on the 9th, and marched on to Bara the same day.

The 15th Sikhs left Khushalgarh on the 9th for Ferozepore.

FROM JAMRUD TO LUNDI KOTAL.

LAHORE, Feb. 11.

It is reported from Peshawar that a new survey of a route for a Railway line from Jamrud to Lundi Kotal has been ordered by Government. The construction of the line will probably be undertaken after the present operations cease.

The importance of such a line, viewed simply as facilitating our transport on the Line of Communication from Peshawar to Kabul, to say nothing of its strategic value, has, says your Lahore contemporary, been amply demonstrated on the present expedition, and should no longer be delayed.

CHEMICAL EXAMINERS TO GOVERNMENT.

REVISED METHOD OF RECRUITMENT AND INCREASE OF PAY.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 11.

A Resolution appears in to-morrow's "Gazette" raising the pay and revising the method of recruitment for Chemical Examiners to Government. It takes effect from 21st December last, and applies to Chemical Examiners of all Local Governments except the North-West Provinces. The pay, which now ranges from Rs. 700 to Rs. 1,250 monthly, is to begin at Rs. 800, and rise, by annual increments of Rs. 30, to Rs. 1,400, in addition to Presidency house allowance.

The service is to be recruited by volunteers from the junior ranks of the Indian Medical Service, who will pass through a period of preliminary training, lasting about twelve months, in the laboratory of the Chemical Examiner, Calcutta, and during this period receive pay ranging from Rs. 300 to Rs. 630 monthly, according to their standing.

The change has been necessitated by the great increase in the work and responsibility put upon the Chemical Examiners by the operation of the Merchandise Marks and Petroleum Acts, which have converted their duties from being almost exclusively medico-legal into the conducting of recondite investigations requiring the highest technical skill.

THE MOHMAND EXPEDITION.

SUBSIDIARY DESPATCH BY GENL. ELLES.

A subsidiary despatch by General Elles is now published bringing to notice the good service done by Mr. Thomas and Lieutenant Watson, who accompanied the Mohmand expedition as politicals ; also by Captain Cox, in charge of the Imperial Service Troops, Major Bythell, Survey Officer, Mr. Stowell, in charge of Postal Arrangements, and Messrs. Pike and Murphy, who laid the Field Telegraph.

THE CYCLONE.

EFFECTS OF THE RAIN AND HAIL.

Reports bringing information up to yesterday morning have reached Calcutta, and show that rain of the last few days has extended throughout the whole of Northern India. The Punjab, the North-West and Central Provinces, and the Bombay Presidency all report heavy falls, while even Madras has had showers.

The rain has come too late to do much good to earlier spring crops, but will be of inestimable value to later ones, especially in the Punjab and the Central Provinces. The more advanced plants will not be seriously injured if the cloudy weather is not prolonged.

No extensive damage from the hail has so far been reported, and opium in Western Bengal is not understood to have suffered at all severely.

EASTER MONDAY TO BE DECLARED A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

It is understood to be practically settled that Easter Monday this year will be declared a public holiday under the Act.

THE SIVARATRI FESTIVAL.

The carriage by railway of pilgrims from Bombay and Hyderabad to attend the Sivaratri Festival, in Kurnool District of Madras, is prohibited, as a precaution against plague.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

Home Department.—Malta notifies that passengers from Bombay and Karachi will be landed in one of the quarantine islands and subjected to medical inspection until all their effects have been thoroughly disinfected.

Public Works Department.—Colonel Christie, Examiner, Public Works Accounts, North-West Provinces, is granted sixteen months' furlough ; Mr. W. F. Barrow, officiating, while Mr. D. H. Macpherson, acts for Mr. Barrow in the East Indian Railway, Mr. F. C. W. Dover is appointed Assistant-Accountant-General, P. W. D. ; Mr. A. H. Wollaston, on being appointed to officiate in succession to Mr. Dover in the Accounts Branch of the E. B. S. R. and Mr. Hartly being transferred to the East Coast Railway in place of Mr. Wollaston.

The services of Colonel Sir T. H. Holdich, Survey Department, are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department from the 7th instant.

Veterinary.—Major Mills, Principal, Bombay Veterinary College, is granted three months' privilege leave.

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERSHIP OF THE HYDERABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.

Mr. J. A. Crawford will be posted, on return from leave, as Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, vice Mr. R. Obbard, on leave.

LONG SERVICE MEDAL.

Long Service Medal is conferred upon Volunteer Connell, of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers ; Quartermaster Sergeant Smith ; Color-Sergeants Anthony and Stanley ; Sergeants Macafee and Watson ; and Lance-Sergeant De Cruz, 1st Battalion ; also upon Color-Sergeant Goff and Volunteer Atkins, 2nd Battalion, B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteers.

PLAGUE IN THE PUNJAB.

EIGHT VILLAGES INFECTED.

LAHORE, Feb. 11.

The village of Seminal Mazra, fourteen miles south of Garhshankar, in Hoshiarpur district, has been attacked with plague. There are now eight villages on the infected list, four in Jullundur and four in Hoshiarpur districts. All are within the radius of a few miles of Khatkar Kalan, the first village attaked in the Punjab, and now free of the disease.

Plague is getting an alarming hold of these two districts, and the authorities are taking every precaution against its further spread.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, Feb. 10.

The City Line steamer City of Khios, from Bombay' arrived here yesterday evening.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Monroe, from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, arrived here this evening.

KARACHI, Feb. 11.

The Austrian Lloyds Co.'s steamer Gisela, from Trieste, arrived here this morning.

The Florio Rubattino Co.'s steamer Lotimbro, from Bombay, arrived at Singapore on the 11th instant.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 10.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Strats firmer.

Good Bhowsnuggur ..... 2 23-32.

The Manchester Market has been strong.

2½ per cent. Consols 112⅝

3 per cents. Rents 103⅛

3½ per cent. Sterling Loan 116⅛

3½ per cent. Rupee Paper 93 5-8

Bar Silver 29 1-16

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday, show the following results :—Total Bullion, £33,000,000 ; Increase, £100,000 ; Public Deposits, £15,400,000 ; Increase, £1,000,000 ; Other Deposits, £30,000,000 ; Increase, £300,000 ; Other Securities, £32,300,000 ; Increase, £800,000 ; Notes and Gold, £23,200,000 ; Increase, £500,000. The Bank's Reserve is 45 per cent. of the Liabilities.

TABLE TALK.

(BY WALTER BESANT.)

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Thanks to the courtesy of the manager of the Werner Company, I am enabled to look at the book of which I spoke a fortnight ago. It is called "The Queen's Reign and its Commemoration." I said then, if you remember, that an English publisher of a work written originally for American readers might have the courtesy to submit the work to the author. The S.P.C.K. is the agent in this business to the American Company, not, it appears, an independent publisher. Courtesy and the occasions for courtesy are things individual—matters of taste. One may be quite a sound Christian and yet not understand how other people regard the virtue of courtesy. Let us not press the point. Now, the reason why I spoke of the matter was this, that in writing my part of the work I had Americans chiefly in my mind—Mr. Johnson, the manager of the company, reminds me that he had the English people chiefly in *his* mind—and that there might be certain passages in the book which English readers would not consider necessary for them. I have now looked through the book and I have not found anything which I should wish to be taken out, particularly when I reflect that it is good for us to be reminded from time to time of things elementary, such as the nature, origin, powers, &c., of a House of Lords. And so, with, I hope, a pardonable commendation of the book to its readers, I set it down.

Already it seems so far away—that great and memorable Day of Rejoicing. As I turn over these pages it all comes back so strongly ; the exultation, the admiration, the sinking of the heart as I wrote down the impressions and recollections of that long time—the time of the Queen's Reign—the whole period of my own life ; the searching out of things belonging to the early years ; the comparison of old maps ; the examination of extinct agitations, defunct hopes, buried prejudices, forgotten battles for reform ; the advance of the people with a steady and irresistible tramp ; the glory and the freedom and the splendour of the time ; they were all in my mind when I wrote these chapters. Long before the Jubilee the scribe was celebrating it. He anticipated the great and wonderful day a thousand times ; yet when it came it was far greater and more moving ; more glorious, yet more pathetic than any scribe expected. And the whole was most fitly concluded by Rudyard Kipling's solemn hymn "Lest we forget—lest we forget." Never in modern times has the heart of the people been so deeply, so profoundly moved as by that hymn. I am not surprised to hear that it has been reprinted in "Literature." And again looking back on last year, I think that since I began to write I have never undertaken any work with so much pleasure and so deep a sense of responsibility as the celebration, the explanation, and the laudation of this memorable event.

Last week I visited a place which for a long time—for many years—has seemed to be continually getting within my reach and as continually becoming inaccessible. It is a village called Stanton Drew, about twelve miles from Bath, but difficult to get at. You take the train to Bristol ; you wait an hour at Bristol—which gives you time to pay another visit to St. Mary Redcliffe, so that it is not time wasted ; you then take a train to a place called Pensford, about ten miles from Bristol. Then you walk two miles. The road is a west country lane ; not a narrow Devonshire lane with high hedges, but still with hedges of a moderate height ; there is not a house or a man to be met along this lonely by-way. It leads at last to a stone bridge over a stream ; then one passes a square mansion apparently of William III.'s time, and then comes the village. It is the quietest, sleepiest little village in the whole island ; a triangular green railed in—the iron railings, however, give one a shock—a few houses standing round the green ; behind the houses a wood ; behind the wood a square church-tower, and a south aisle equally lofty, in a small churchyard. The sun was shining brightly as if it was the month of May instead of early January with all the winter before us. The birds were flying about and warbling among the trees. But it was not to listen to the birds, or the church, or the churchyard that I came out to see. There was nobody visible except a little boy on a gate. I asked him plainly "Where are the Stones ?" I knew he would call them the Stones, and he did. He pointed to a field, and I plunged across the mud and wet grass in search of the said "Stones." It was a large low grass field ; it is now cows and horses at pasture ; and here I found the famous "Druidical" circles of Stanton Drew, which I had so long desired to see. Well, one can make out, perhaps, a bit of a circle here, and a bit there, but the stones are lying in terrible confusion. Those that still stand are nearly as big as Stonehenge. I measured some of them roughly, they were about eight feet high and five feet in breadth. There is a "pointer" stone, and there are three or four in a heap which may have been an altar. I counted thirty-four stones, but there may be more. I do not presume to know much about these circles, but I have seen most of them in the country, and when I read the learned papers of our friend Dr. Dryasdust on such monuments, it is useful, I find, to have seen them.

Anybody who reads these lines and is within reach of Stanton Drew must look at the stone bridge over the little stream. It is a most wonderful bridge ; not for the boldness and span of its arch, which is but a tiny arch, but for the wonderful vegetation which has spread over the stones. They are rudely cut, leaving gaps and crevices, out of which grow all kinds of things. This day, in the sunshine and in the warm, soft, damp west-country air, the tiny plants had all the colour, and vigour, and appearance of spring. I gathered some and brought them home for inspection by our botanical learned lady my own. There was the ivy-leaf snapdragon in profusion ; there was the most lovely green moss, of an emerald green and thicker than the finest velvet ; there was the mouse-ear ; the ceterach fern ; the stonecrop ; the milfoil ; and over all and between all the yellow lichen like a glorious cloth of gold.

I take it that the Assembly Rooms, next to the Baths, are the most interesting monument of Bath. They are the rooms built in 1771 in place of the older ones over which Beau Nash presided ; these were lower down on a site now occupied by the Museum. They preserve in the new Rooms the very rout seats which belonged to the old. On these seats, near the door, sat the ladies' maids in whose faces nash "could read their masters' looks ; the maids came every evening with their mistresses and sat there in readiness to repair any ravages to the ladies' heads. These New Rooms were those in which Mr. Pickwick played whist ; it was in the room beyond the Octagon, while dancing went on in the long Ball Room, that he first met Jingle. Just for one moment and I saw them all again, just as they are in the picture ; Mr. Pickwick and the Dowager Lady Snuphanuph, and Mrs. Colonel Wugsby, and Miss Bolo. Afterwards I went out and saw the Royal Crescent, whose existence proves incontestably the truth of Wade's famous quatrain. Then I came home shut out of the house so slenderly attired and so late at night. But Bath is full of these historical surprises.

I have before me Mr. Mackenzie Bell's "Life of Christina Rossetti." There is nothing, or very little, of incident in a life which was passed entirely in seclusion and meditation. Christina Rossetti lived ; nothing happened to her except the inevitable losses by death of those near and dear to her ; she lived, she meditated, she wrote ; that is all. She had many friends by whom she was greatly loved ; her mind was filled with a natural piety ; her poetry expresses and depicts her mind ; it is not that her work is sincere so much as that in her work the poet herself stands revealed. Who would write noble and lofty verse if he has a noble and lofty life. Of how many modern poets can it now be said that their verse fails because their thoughts and their daily lives are unworthy ! Mr. Watts-Dunton said well, speaking of her "New Poems" (*Athenæum*, Feb. 15, 1896) : "No one felt so deeply as she that poetic art is only at the best the imperfect body in which dwells the poetic soul. No one felt so deeply as she that, as the notes of the nightingale are but the involuntary expression of the bird's emotion, and, again, as the perfume of the violet is but the flower's natural breath, so it is, and must be, with the song of the very poet, and that therefore to write beautifully is, in a deep and true sense, to live beautifully." Her friends seem to be astonished at the outburst of eulogy which followed her death, but it is not easy always to understand the depth and extent of a writer's popularity. How could she fail of conquering all hearts when she could write such lines as the following ("To what purpose is this waste !")

> And other eyes than our's
> Were made to look on flowers,
> Eyes of small birds and insects small ;
> The deep sun blushing rose
> Round which bees prickles close
> Opens her bosom to them all.
>
> The tiniest living thing
> That soars on feathered wing,
> Or crawls among the long grass out of sight,
> Has just as good a right
> To its appointed portion of delight
> As any king.

The month of January, of all the flowery procession of the months, is the worst—the very worst. It is bad enough, to begin with, for its dark mornings, early candles, fogs, and snows, and ice ; on that account alone it is a gloomy, miserable, depressing month. Yet we make it worse by choosing this time, of all the year, for receiving and sending out Christmas bills. The Income Tax comes in, the school bills, every other kind of bill ; we are gowling and drawing cheques all day long. It is a month of retribution. Now we pay for bygone pleasures almost forgotten, for extravagances not before added up. The domestic temper in January is uncertain ; nothing new is so much as suggested ; at this season no wages are raised ; no salaries advanced ; it is a time of rebuke. Now, I do not grumble without suggesting a remedy. It is this. If people would only spread their bills over the whole year, friction would be served in the first place, and in the second place, much good would come to trade. Consider ; when the rent and taxes have to be paid, why add clothes, boots, wine, the chemist, and the doctor ! It is not apparent that the simultaneous appearance of all the bills must cause a reduction for the time of unnecessary expenses ! If, on the other hand, the bills were distributed over the whole year, there would be no much necessary economy. For instance, my bookseller, who is of a feeling and sympathetic disposition, knows my views in this respect, and very thoughtfully means them by sending in his bill about the end of November. What is the result ? No other bills are coming in at that time ; I pay up cheerfully without feeling greatly damaged ; and the g ing of books goes on gaily even through the dismal period of January, unchecked by the showers of other bills. I invite consideration of this simple domestic reform.

I have now received more details concerning the Conway pearl fishery. As regards the upper reaches of the river the fishery is extinct. It existed, however, continuously from Roman times to about thirty years ago. Probably, therefore, it may be resumed some time with profit. The causes of the decline are said to be partly the demand for *eating* mussels—to eat a mussel that, if left alone, would produce a pearl is scarcely ak into killing the goose with the golden eggs—and partly from too great a drain upon the beds, which reduced the size as well as the quantity of the pearls. The time for fishing was between the months of May and August inclusive ; during that time "several pounds weight" of pearls were found daily. Mounds from 10 to 15 feet high, consisting of mussel shells and sand, exist in the neighbourhood to show the magnitude of the operations. Last year the Mayor of Conway was presented with a ring set with black pearls from the river. It seems a pity that so picturesque an industry should fall into decay. Meantime, it has interested me greatly to read these details, and to learn that there has been for so long a fishery for pearls in our own country.

Lewis Carroll is not dead. Mr. Dodgson, we are sorry to learn, with his mathematical and other serious brooks, has left us. He has taken his serious books with him. But Lewis Carroll remains with his books, which are far from serious. The papers have now all had longish notices of him. Oddly enough, no one seems to have known much about him ; at all events, we have not received anything like a clear presentment of the actual man. For my own part, I have constructed a portrait of him for myself. Not a complete portrait ; the face remains unknown ; but a good part, a characteristic part, of the mind is figured, I think, faithfully. I have pictured a man who plays a part of which he is ashamed. Secretly he meditates continually new and surprising inventions ; light and sportive excursions into Fancy Land ; humorous situations ; unexpected sayings ; satirical things which prick but do not stab ; epigrams hitting out in all directions. For a very long time nobody knew this ; for during his whole life he was placed in a grave and a serious position ; a hard reading man as an under-graduate ; a young don ; a clergyman ; a college lecturer and examiner. Again, he was born at a time when the lighter branches of literature were regarded as quite unworthy the consideration of any person holding a serious position ; a novelist outside the University was regarded with a certain amount of contempt ; within the University, among the dons, such a being would be quite too despicable ; it was, in fact, impossible. If this is thought absurd I would just testify that thirty years ago I heard Tom Taylor, late Fellow of Trinity, spoken of as "Poor Tom Taylor." Why ? Because he was a man of lighter letters. My portrait, in a word, depicts Mr. Dodgson as always ashamed of having done what he had been always taught to despise. Therefore he called himself Lewis Carroll ; therefore, when the truth came out, he refused to talk about Alice, and wrapped himself up more and more in the robes of his mathematical lectureship. One of the papers, I think the "Daily Chronicle, described him as "a humorist who can play with a sense of gravity." Wrong, I should rather say that he was a humorist brought up in a household where the expression of humour is beneath the dignity of a scholar and a don.

MONDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING.

THE AGENDA.

The list of business to be brought forward at a meeting of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for making Laws and Regulations, to be held in the Council Hall, Bombay, on Monday next, at 12 o'clock noon, includes questions to be put by the Hon. Rao Bahadur Ranchodlal Chotalal, by the Hon. Mr. Daji Abaji Khare, by the Hon. Mr. Gokuldas Kahandas Parekh, by the Hon. Mr. Dhondo Shamrao Garud, and by the Hon. Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna Bhatwadekar :—

1. Will Government be pleased to state what has been done to remove the distinction made by the plague rules in certain places between Europeans and their servants and natives of all ranks ?

2. Will Government be pleased to state why, when Assistant Surgeons and medical practitioners are available, many medical men were and are being imported for plague work at considerable expense ?

II.—Papers to be presented to the Council :—

(1) Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, No. 2153, dated the 12th December 1897—Returning, with the assent of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General signified thereon, the copy of the Bombay Law to amend Act VIII. of 1870 (an Act for the prevention of the murder of female Infants) as to the Presidency of Bombay.

(2) Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider Bill No. III. of 1897 (a Bill to amend the Bombay District Police Act, 1890).

III.—Bills and orders of the day :—

(1) A Bill for the improvement of the City of Bombay and to provide space for its future expansion—First Reading.

(2) A Bill to amend the Sind Village Officers Act, 1881, as amended by Bombay Act II. of 1888—Third Reading.

(3) A Bill to amend the Bombay District Police Act, 1890—Second Reading.

(4) A Bill further to amend the Bombay Port Trust Act, 1879—First Reading.

(5) A Bill to supplement the Provisions of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, with respect to the Investment of sinking funds and surplus moneys, and to validate certain Debentures—First Reading.

IV.—Notices of motion :—

The Hon. Mr. Nugent will propose an amendment in the Bill to amend the Sind Village Officers' Act, 1881, as amended by Bombay Act II. of 1888, as approved in Council on the 20th December 1897 :—

For Section 1 of the Bill to substitute the following :—

"In Section 2 of the said Act, for the words "Kotars or Tapedars' peons" there shall be substituted the following, viz. :

"Supervising, Probationary, Special and Naib Tapedars, Zabits, and Kotars or Tapedars' peons."

The Hon. Mr. Dhondo Shamrao Garud will propose the addition of a section in the Bill to amend the Bombay District Police Act, 1890 (Bill No. III. of 1897) as amended in Select Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Dhondo Shamrao Garud will also propose amendments in the Bill to amend the Bombay District Police Act, 1890 (Bill No. III. of 1897) as amended in Select Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Daji Abaji Khare will propose amendments in the Bill to amend the Bombay District Police Act, 1890 (Bill No. III. of 1897) as amended in Select Committee.

THE IMPROVEMENT TRUST BILL.

A prominent Bombay banker has expressed the following opinion upon this measure : So far as I can see the Bill embraces all the points that are likely to arise in connection with such a scheme. I agree with the opinion that the General Officer Commanding should have a seat on the Board. The troops garrisoning the city must have proper accommodation, and considering the political position we are in here, it is highly desirable that military interests should be represented on the Board. Unless the interest offered for the debentures of the new Trust exceeds 3½ per cent., capital will not be attracted to the scheme from England, and even Indian capitalists will not be very eager for the new scrip. Government paper has the best of guarantees, and it is so liquid that the new bonds cannot be very favourably received unless they yield at least 4 per cent. interest. Many problems arise out of so complex a question as that of reconstructing the city, and it may be that they are not adequately met. But you cannot expect a perfect scheme all at once, and if experience shows that defects exist in the scheme after it is passed, the Bill will be open to amendment. The great thing is to get the scheme under as soon as possible, so as to deliver the city from the insanitary ills which are working such great injury to trade and commerce. It may be hoped, however, that the currency of the country will be placed on a sounder basis before the need arises to borrow capital for the Trust, as this could materially aid the authorities in the flotation.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

The P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Ballaarat, Captain W. J. Nantes, will sail to-day, for London, Brindisi and Aden, with the English Mail and the following passengers :—

FOR LONDON.

Allen, Mr J J	Jones, Mrs
Bailey, Mr C H	Lees, Mr C H
Bamfield, Capt J F	Lloyd, Mr W J
Beresford, Mrs	Marcks, Mr W H
Blair, Mr	Moore, Lieut. H
Cobb, Miss	Mellat, Mr J F
Curters, Mr and Mrs	Oakes, Mr and Mrs A E
Davis, Mr W	Pringle, Capt J W and infant
Duncan, Mr A	Rose, Mrs and 2 children
Foot, Lieut C R de C	Shirreck, Mr C L
Finch, Mr R T	Smith, Mrs Basil
Gawans, Mr J F	Stewart, Capt and Mrs J M
Hallett, Mr C Hughes	Trail, Mrs and infant
Hill, Capt and Mrs	Williams, Mr G T
Hunt, Mr	Williams, Mrs M and infant
Jackson, Capt	Wright, Mrs

DISINFECTANTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—In a telegram I see that Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrie, Plague Commissioner, Nizam's Dominions, has declared that chemical disinfectants are useless and should not be employed. This advice seems sound, because most of the disinfectants weaken the gas very much, and make them more easily liable to catch the plague and spread it among men. Therefore, it is very desirable that the views of such a high authority as Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrie should be followed, and that the Municipality and the people should stop the use of chemical disinfectants, whether in the form of powder, fluid, acid, etc.—Yours, &c.,

THE CAUSE OF HALF THE PLAGUE.

Feb. 11.

Burma having been raised to a Lieutenant-Governorship, the Secretary of State has sanctioned the creation of the appointment of an Accountant-General for that province in lieu of the present Comptroller, with effect from the 1st April next.

THE STRIKE OF BRITISH INDIA S. N. CO.'S OFFICERS.

No change in the position of affairs in connection with the strike took place in Bombay yesterday. The s. s. Dwarka, on arrival with the English mails, to-day, will proceed to Karachi, under the command of Captain J. C. Tice, Commander A. S. Houstoun, of s.s. Nevassa, serving as chief officer, Mahomedbhoy Ebrahim as 2nd officer, and Oosman Esmail as 3rd officer. The two last named officers are from s. s. Zuari, of Messrs. Shepherd and Co. The s. s. Kapurthala, Captain W. H Rothwell, in command, sails also to-day for the Persian Gulf, via Karachi, Mr. E. W. T. West serving as chief officer, Moosajee Hajee Fakeera as 2nd officer, and Sullemanjee Esmail as 3rd officer ; they belong to s. s. Brahmani, of Messrs. Shepherd and Co. The four native officers have been lent by Messrs. Shepherd and Company. Four officers have left here for Calcutta to join in the deputation to wait upon Sir James Mackay. Probably the deputation will wait upon him on Monday next. The Bombay officers will reach Calcutta this evening.

A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE STRUGGLE.

THE FULL CORRESPONDENCE.

In order that the public may know the facts of the case, the following correspondence and statements have been handed to a Calcutta paper for publication. The whole course of the negotiations is displayed in these documents from first to last, and the Company, we understand, are prepared to leave the public to judge from the correspondence of the merits of the controversy.

British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, Calcutta, 31st January, 1898.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the memorial which was recently sent to the directors by a number of the officers in the Company's steamers, we have to inform you that Sir James Mackay is at present in India, and he will be glad to receive a small deputation of officers to discuss matters with them. The meeting might take place in Calcutta on 10th February, and it would probably be convenient if the deputation was restricted to 12. Perhaps the officers in Calcutta as the present time could arrange for the deputation being formed by telegraphing to Bombay and Rangoon or other ports as necessary.—Yours faithfully, Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., Managing Agents.

To all the B. I. Officers in Calcutta.

S. S. Africa, February 1st, 1898. Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. Managing Agents, B. I. S. N. Co.

Gentlemen,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and have to inform you that though personally willing to form one of a deputation, I cannot do so unless nominated at a meeting called by the Guild's Secretary, Mr. Knox.—I am, gentlemen, your most obedient servant, C. G. Guy.

B. I. G. Calcutta, 2nd February, 1898. Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., Gentlemen,—In reply to your circular of date, I beg to inform you that as a special meeting is to be held on Wednesday next by the officers present representing all the Company's steamers in Port (21 men in all)

It was unanimously decided without a single dessentient vote, that the Guild and its Secretary must be recognised, and the Secretary asked to call a meeting to form the deputation before any further measures can be discussed.—Yours faithfully, J. Knox, Secretary.

British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, Calcutta, 2nd February, 1898.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your letter of 1st inst., we have to inform you that we cannot in any way recognize either the Guild or its Secretary, and that we can deal only with the officers themselves. We shall be glad to know whether the officers are to depute some of their number to meet Sir James Mackay ; or, if not, when.—Yours faithfully, Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., Managing Agents.

To all B. I. officers in Calcutta.

S. S. "Karagola," February 2nd, 1898.

Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., British India S. N. Co.

Dear Sirs,—In reply to yours of 2nd instant, I beg to refer you to the letter of the Guild's Secretary, of to-day, for deputation of officers. I am, dear sirs, your obedient servant, D. J. Macdonald.

Similar letters from other officers addressed.

British India Steam Navigation Company, Limited.

Calcutta, 3rd February, 1898.

To B. I. Officers in Calcutta.

Dear Sirs,—With reference to the recent letters from the officers of the Company, to a number of the officers and to the replies, I would like to say a few words to the officers before taking further action. A good deal of misunderstanding has arisen which has arisen between the officers and the managing agents I decided to come out to India with the object of endeavouring to restore the friendly relations between the Company and its officers, and on my arrival in Calcutta this week, I at once addressed a letter to the officers in port in the hope that the managing Agents asking the officers to appoint a deputation to meet me. In reply to this invitation, the managing agents, while declining to meet a number of officers to what is described as a Guild, and to the Secretary of that Guild, who is not in the Company's service. In answer to this, the managing agents yesterday, informed the officers that they could not recognise the Guild or its Secretary, and they enquired whether the officers were prepared to appoint a deputation to meet me. This morning the managing agents have received a number of letters from the officers simply referring them again to the Secretary of the Guild. Matters have therefore assumed a serious aspect between the Company and a number, if not all, of its officers, but before saying what may be the course I intend to take, I desire to call your attention to the subject, but that I have much hope that you will do so now, but because I am very reluctant to take action which may have the effect of bringing me into unpleasant relations with a large body of men with whom I have no quarrel whatever. Will you please let me know whether you are willing to treat with me direct or not. Yours faithfully,—James L. Mackay.

B. I. G., Calcutta, 3rd February, 1898.

To Sir James L. Mackay.

Dear Sir,—We beg most respectfully in reply to your letter of date to call your attention to the vague and indefinite contents of the reply you kindly to satisfy us in some manner what this threat implies, as we beg to think matters may be forwarded by your letting us know if it is man by your "final word."—We are, dear sir, your most humble servants, For Barber,

—Yes, I swear. I brought the book and the precipe to the Translator's department.

Up to that time had you shown the book to any person?—I may have shown it to some partner in the office. I did not show it to any body else.

Which partner did you show it to?—I don't remember.

It is ridiculous. You must have shown it to some partner whom you remember?—I don't remember.

Would you swear you did not show it to Mr. Hormusjee I—I will.

Would you swear you did not show it to Mr. Ardaseer, one of the partners?—I will not. I may have shown it to him.

Would you swear you did not shew it to Mr. Dinshaw, the other partner?—I cannot.

You have sworn that you showed the book to one partner, but you will not swear which partner it was?—Yes.

When did you show it?—At the office,

In which room?—I do not remember which room. Entries are not received in the Translator's office without an Initial, and I must have got the Initials of one of the partners before taking it to the Translator's office.

What is your reason for being able to swear that you did not show it to Mr. Hormusjee, but that you showed it to some other partners?—Because I did not see Mr. Hormusjee that day. I am not sure that I saw Mr. Dinshaw either, but I am sure that I saw either Mr. Ardaseer or his son Mr. Framroz. I am not quite sure as to whom I showed the book that day. I have no recollection whether, I showed the book or the precipe to any body else. Having reached the Translator's Office, I gave the book and the precipe to a clerk. I then returned to my office. I saw the book again the same day about 2 p.m., when it was offered to me by our clerk Cursetjee. I don't know how he got it. I told him to take it to the office, as I was going out on some business. He said he had got it from the Translator's office. When he passed me very much to take it, I did so. He also gave me the English translation. I had occasion to go to the privy on the court premises, and last me took and the translation in the passage outside the door. Soon after I missed both the book and the translation from the place where I had put them. I was confused and ran away to my house. I did not enquire of any body on the court premises about the book and the translation. This was on the 21st January. I did not go to the office that day. The 22nd was a holiday, and the 23rd was a Sunday. I was ill on the 24th and did not go to the office. I was suffering from colic. I went to the office on the 25th January.

Did you tell any body at the office that you had lost the book and the translation?—No. Either on the 25th or 26th, Mr. Hormusjee asked me whether I had got the translation, and I said I had not. On the 26th I came to the High Court and made a search for the book and the translation in the same place, but did not find it. I did not report to any officers that I had lost the book and the translation. That was the first time after the 21st that I came to search for the book. When Mr. Hormusjee asked me about the translation, I at once said I had not brought the book into the Towers of Silence. I don't remember what Mr. Hormusjee said to that. I had no other conversation with Mr. Hormusjee. I have no recollection whether he called me to go to the Towers and go over the book. I was on the 25th or 26th. I do not remember the date, but I remember all asking me about the book and the translation. He asked me "Have you brought the book or not?" I said the clerk at the Towers had searched for the book, but could not find it. When he said that, I said I would get it. That was the third time he asked me.

When was the fourth time?—Last Monday.

Why did you tell these lies. Why did you not tell him the truth at once?—Mr. Hormusjee has a bad temper, and I was afraid he would say something or march me. I therefore said the book could not be found. Last Monday when I met him at the office, Mr. Hormusjee said, "I understand you have brought the book from the Towers office, but have not given it to me. What have you done with it?" I then told him what I have stated just now. I did not tell him that I had taken the initiative of one of the partners in the book. I did not tell Mr. Hormusjee that I had placed the book on my desk, that the office was disturbed on account of some dead rats being found, that his papers and books got displaced, and that when I looked again for the book it was lost. I did not tell Mr. Hormusjee on the 7th inst. that the books and papers got displaced on account of disinfection in the office, and that the book in question was lost. I will swear that I did not tell him that.

A witness was sent down with the Court-keeper to point out to him the place where he said he had lost the book.

Mr. J. Eynn, the Court-keeper, was then examined by his lordship, and described the place pointed out to him by the witness.

His lordship approved of Friday's visit to the place himself, and the court adjourned till Monday, the witness Merwanjee being told to attend again.

A MARQUIS'S DAUGHTER MARRIES A SAILOR.

A MARRIAGE, around which clusters all the elements of romance, has just been celebrated at Liverpool, A dashing young Irish sailor has led to the altar a blushing bride belonging to one of the highest families in the land. The story of the meeting and courtship of the couple reads like a page of fiction. Recently there was studying at one of the private nautical schools of Liverpool a young man named Harry Brady Hunt, of Limerick who, having spent some years at sea, first as an apprentice and afterwards as mate, determined to prepare himself for a master mariner's certificates. Among the other students assembling the nautical school at the same time was a young lady distinguished above all by the proximity of her residence to Lady Ermestine Brudenell-Barnace, the eldest daughter of the Marquis and Marchioness of Ailsbury, whose love of the sea is well known, and whose ability in handling a yacht is said to be almost equal to that of the most experienced "old salt" who ever went to sea. Only a month or two ago, it may be remembered, Lady Ermestine made an application to the Board of Trade at Liverpool, which led to some correspondence in the newspapers. The application in question was that she be allowed to go up and undergo the customary examination for a yacht "master's" certificate, which she desired in order that she might hold the proper qualification to take command of her own yacht. The Board of Trade, however, declined to accede to the lady's request, pointing out that the regulation required to be complied with for certificates of competency was not contemplated by the regulations. Lady Ermestine and Mr. Hunt frequently met each other while pursuing their nautical studies, and a friendship sprang up between them, which speedily ripened into affection. Having passed his examination satisfactorily, and obtained his certificate as master mariner, Mr Hunt quitted Liverpool and went on a visit to his friends at Limerick, while his aristocratic sweetheart also departed from the city, and soon took up her abode under the parental roof, where, however, it is said, she refrained from making any allusion to the attachment she had formed on the banks of the Mersey. Having arranged to get married, the couple returned to Liverpool recently, Lady Ermestine going into a quiet lodging in Great George Square, which is situated in a middle-class residential quarter. The young couple were evidently bent on keeping the affair as secret as possible, and consequently no one knew the attendant clergyman and one or two friends of the bridegroom, second, to know anything of the intended wedding. On Tuesday morning Lady Ermestine and her sister bridegroom presented themselves at St Michael's Church, Upper Pitt Street, where the nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. F. G. Barnes, the incumbent. Dispensing with all conventionality, the bride was attired in a travelling costume and her only attendant was the lady in whose house she had lived during her stay in Liverpool. The only other persons present in the church were two gentlemen friends of the bridegroom and Mrs. Barnes, the wife of the clergyman. Immediately the simple ceremony had concluded, the newly wedded pair left for London. Mr. Hunt has been appointed master of a sailing vessel, and rumour has it that his aristocratic wife intends to accompany him and to spend the first part of her married life at any rate at sea.

AN AWFUL WARNING TO BACHELORS.

So many jokes have been made at the expense of the married man with a houseful of babies and a mother-in-law, and his consequent disposition to become insane, that matrimony has come to be looked upon as anything but desirable among many classes of society. But a certain doctor, who is said to be something of an authority in physiology, comes forward in the face of this belief and announces that figures, compiled with great care, show that the single man has six times as much prospect of becoming insane as the married man when the natural conditions of both are taken.

Speaking of his views on the desirability of every young man being compelled to marry, this medical man says:—"At every age from nineteen up to sixty-five, and even upward, the chances of a single man becoming insane are six time and more greater than the chances of a married man going mad. Between the ages of twenty and twenty-four the odds against the single man are something like 77 to 10, although they become slightly smaller as the ages increase.

"As far as women are concerned, the unmarried woman has a marked superiority over unmarried women; but this superiority is far from being as great as that of a married man over a single man.

"Marriage is every where nature's way, and the only safe way to live. A young man without the restraints of marriage develops a general irritation or restlessness. He begins to drink, or, what is worse, begins to smoke cigarettes, to keep late hours.

"All this causes excessive irritation of the nervous system, which uses up the elasticity of the nerves and dries up the juicy walls in the cells in the front part of the brain, which is the seat of the mind. It is the elastic condition of these cells of the brain which determines a man's balance of mind. The moment the cells become dried up then the mind ages and the period is a trying one.

"Another great factor in irritating the nervous organism between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five is the fact that at this age a young man is looking about to determine into what profession or line of business he must embark for his lifetime. This danger is great when a man has not the steady influence of a family.

"The fact that single women do not grow insane in the same proportion as single men is explained by the fact that woman is not allowed by convention-ality to smoke and keep such late hours. If the new woman becomes at all common the sex may lose even this advantage.

"Another thing to be remembered is that worry is one of the greatest causes of insanity. Worrying over anything irritates unnaturally the nervous system, and the abuse of the nervous system is the essential of insanity. A single man will worry over his financial circumstances, over the loss of his relatives or of dear friends, and it tells alarmingly on his nervous system, but the married man confides to his wife, and the evil effects of the worry are dissipated more or less, and the following consolation prevents the worry from affecting the mind.

"Marriage has been said by some cynic to be the doubling of one's duties and the halving of his rights. It certainly doubles his safeguards and divides his dangers. It gives a man the most precious privilege of companionship and confidence.

"No one can long be happy or well without some one in whom to confide. As Bacon truly said, 'The greatest thing in all the world is that friend into whose ears you can pour all y or troubles.'"

MAJOR R. IRELONGER succeeds to the command of the 33rd Madras Infantry.

SIR ANTONY MACDONNELL arrived in Allahabad from Lucknow on Wednesday night.

DEATH OF "LEWIS CARROLL."

WE have to chronicle with much regret the death of "Lewis Carroll," otherwise the Rev. C. L. Dodgson. He was staying with his sisters at Guildford, where he passed away on January 14th in his sixty-sixth year. The sad event will cause sorrow all the world over, for probably no writer has produced books so universally popular with children and grown-up people as "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking-Glass."

THE IDENTITY OF "ALICE."

A quarter of a century ago the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson was a fellow and mathematical tutor of Christ Church, and the daughters of the former Dean, Dr. Liddell, an attractive group of little girls, occupied a prominent place among his small friends. There is some doubt as to which of them the stories of "Alice" are actually dedicated to, but tradition commonly points to Mrs. Reginald Hargreaves, Alice Liddell as she then was. That the name is the same is certainly an argument in favour of this view. Some, however, maintain that the dedication was really addressed to the next sister, Edith, whose untimely death upon the eve of her marriage with Mr. Harcourt, of Newnham Park, was the cause of very deep grief and regret to all who knew her. Apart from the tragedy of her death at such a moment, she was universally beloved for her sweet nature, and was as gifted as she was in every way charming. In any case, however, though the dedication poem of "Alice Through the Looking-Glass" is very obviously intended for one only of the little friends, that at the beginning of "Alice in Wonderland," and also the one at the close of the looking-glass adventures, would seem to be rather addressed to a group of the sisters together. On reading these graceful little verses one might easily infer that the first idea of this fantastic dream-tale had flitted across the author's brain upon a certain drowsy summer afternoon as he drifted in a boat along the Oxford river, while the three little girls pulled manfully at the oars, and at the same time begged for a fairy story from their ever-willing friend.

MR. DODGSON AND THE CHILDREN.

Anyone who reads the adventures of Alice in later years (said a recent appreciation) will appreciate the marvellous knowledge of child nature which Mr. Dodgson possessed. No doubt he started with a large share of that most indefinable gift for understanding and sympathising with the young; but though he has himself always remained a bachelor, his experience of children has been none the less extremely wide. In Oxford alone, among his university acquaintances, there was not a home which owned children, and particularly little girls, which he did not frequent, and where a warm welcome was not always ready for him. His approaches, generally at odd hours, and flavoured with that, to children, delightful element of the unexpected, was a signal for lesson books to be discarded and for a general rush to the drawing-room, with a happy disregard of unbrushed hair or soiled pinafores. The children knew perfectly well that this visitor came to see them and that they were not only to be seen, but heard. The parents also acquiesced in the arrangement. Mr. Dodgson was always admitted to be unlike other people, and his partiality with the children insured him perfect mercy to pursue the even tenor of his own ways. He had seldom been in the house three minutes, before, with pencil and paper, he had embarked too chief of his young friends upon some elaborate puzzle or conundrum, while fonts of all sorts and sizes were speedily conscripted for the little ones who clustered around him. One of the greatest treats that the children could have was to go to his own rooms in the Tom Quad, at Christ Church, whose games and entertainments without number were always ready for them and the hours passed only too quickly. Better still, perhaps, to be snatched from an dreary routine of a walk with nurse or governess, and borne off, in defiance or remonstrance on the part of these worthies, to the mysterious gloom of a half-darkened room to the fascinating process of a "sun" picture, or the taking of portraits at a time when amateur photography was scarcely as finished as it is at present, and many little groups of boys and girls, looked now almost out of recognition, are still preserved as mementoes of those childish treats.

HIS MATHEMATICAL WORKS.

As the *Daily News* well points out, Mr. Dodgson and Lewis Carroll were in authorship, and to some extent in life also, two very different people. Mr. Dodgson was the don, and writer on mathematical subjects; Lewis Carroll was the author of charming books for children. Mr. Dodgson graduated at Christ Church, Oxford, in 1854—having taken a first class in mathematics and a third in Lit. Hum. In the following year he was appointed mathematical lecturer to the College, a post which he continued to occupy until 1861. In 1856 he was elected to a Senior Studentship, and held the office he resigned until the end. In 1861 he was ordained. His earliest, as well as his latest, publications, were all mathematical—"A Syllabus of Plane Algebraic Geometry" (1860), "The Formulæ of Plane Trigonometry" (1861), "A Guide to the Mathematical Student" (1864). The first of his children's books was published in 1865. Other mathematical works followed, of which the more important were: "An Elementary Treatise on Determinants" (1867), "Euclid, book V., proved Algebraically" (1874), and "Curiosa Mathematica: A New Theory of Parallels" (1888).

AND THE INIMITABLE LIGHTER VOLUMES.

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" was originally written in A.S. for the amusement of his girl friends at Oxford, and a facsimile of the MS. of that was published many years afterwards. It first saw the light in 1865, and at once became a popular favourite. "So much clever and delightful fun," said one of the reviewers, anticipating the general verdict, "has never before been found within the compass of one volume." Edition followed edition, and by this time "Alice" must have appeared in scores of editions. The first edition is now very scarce, and is much sought after by collectors—a distinction which it partly owes to Sir John Tenniel's graceful and amusing illustrations. Nor is the fame of "Alice" restricted to the English-speaking folk; for it has been translated both into German and into French. The sequel "Through the Looking-glass, and What Alice Found There," published in 1871, was equally successful, and was run through as many editions as the original "Alice." Mr. Dodgson used to be fond of repeating the delicious nursery rime, "Sing a song of sixpence," as asked, after an acquaintance of two or three days, if she had read "Alice" and the "Looking-glass." "Oh yes," she replied readily, "I've read both of them and I think" (this more slowly and reflectively) "I think 'Through the Looking-glass' is more stupid than 'Alice's Adventures.' Dont you think so?" Next to "Alice" volumes, Lewis Carroll made his principal hit with "The Hunting of the Snark: an Agony, in Eight Fits." This appeared in 1876, and had at the time a rapturous welcome in a single year. It was subsequently embodied in a larger volume called "Rhyme and Reason" (1883). Of his remaining books, "Sylvie and Bruno" (1889), with its "Continuation" (1893), is the best known, and "The Hunting of the Snark" have by this time become house-hold words.

HIS HOME IN A ROYAL WONDERLAND.

Mr. Dodgson's beautiful suite of rooms in the north-west corner of Wolsey's great quadrangle, looking over St. Aldgate's, were at one time a veritable children's paradise. The sitting rooms contain so many cupboards, and never did cupboards contain such priceless stores of fascinating things. These rooms in Christ Church were a real Wonderland for many a real child. From Mr. Dodgson's cupboards and bureau box; mechanical performing bears, picture-books innumerable, toys of every description, came forth in bewildering abundance before the child, astonished eyes. For were Mr. Dodgson's little friends all of one class. He took for many years a deep interest in lonely and neglected children, and no inconsiderable portion of the profits of his books was devoted to these works of charity.

THE SERIOUS SIDE OF HIS CHARACTER.

Mr. Dodgson had beneath his twinkling humour a deep fund of seriousness and religious earnestness, as the *Daily News* reminds us, he used at one time to liken a fly-leaf to "every child who loves Alice," a which he sought to mingle grave thoughts of charity and faith with fun and frolic.

God does not mean us to divide life into two halves—to wear a grave face on Sunday, and to think it out of place to even so much as mention Him on a week-day. Do you think He cares to see only kneeling figures, and to hear only tones of prayer, and that He does not also love to see the lambs leaping in the sunlight, and to hear the merry voices of the children as they roll among the hay. Surely their innocent laughter is as sweet in His ears as the grandest anthem that ever rolled up from the "dim religious light" of some solemn cathedral. And if I have written anything to add to those stories of innocent and healthy amusement that are laid up in books for the children I love so well, it is surely something I may hope to look back upon without shame and sorrow as how much of life must then be recalled to the return comes to walk through the valley of shadows.

"A LATIN LESSON."

Mr. Dodgson was also fond of the theatre, and nothing gave him more pleasure than to take a party of his little friends to the play. It may perhaps be surmised that they enjoyed this better than what, after all, he considered the highest honour he could confer on one of his pets—namely, "a game of logic." This "Lesson in Latin" was more popular. In America a little paper was started by the pupils of a Girls' Latin School, which they called "The Jabberwock." Lewis Carroll sent them "A Latin lesson" as follows:

Our Latin books, in motley row,
Invite us to the task—
Gay Horace, stately Cicero;
Yet there's one verb, when once we know,
No higher skill we ask:
This ranks all other learning above—
We've learned "amare" means "to love!"

So hour by hour, from flower to flower,
We sip the sweets of life;
Till all too soon the time will arise,
And knitted brows and angry eyes
Proclaim the dawn of strife.
With half a sigh, half a sigh,
"Amare! Bitter One!" we cry.

Last night we owned, with looks forlorn,
"Too well the scholar knows
There is no rose without a thorn—"
But peace is made! We sing this morn,
"No thorn without a rose!"
Our Latin lesson is complete:
We've learned that Love is "Bitter-sweet!"

REBUFFS TO IMPORTUNATE EDITORS.

"Lewis Carroll" would not write to order; the Chronicle recalls how an invitation to contribute anything for a magazine or Christmas number invariably brought upon the daring Editor a most resentful third-person rebuke, the effect of which was usually to convince the Editor that he ought to have applied for a lesson in logic.

THE FUNERAL.

"C. S. M." sends to the *Daily News* the following letter, written to a child of eight, accompanied by a copy of "The Hunting of the Snark":

Ch, Ch., Oxford, December 15, 1875.

My dear Magdalen,—I want to explain to you why I did not call yesterday. I was sorry to miss you, but you see I had so many conversations on the way. I tried to explain to the people in the street that I was going to see you, but they wouldn't listen; they said they were in a hurry, which was rude. At last I met a wheelbarrow that I thought would attend to me, but I couldn't make out what was in it. I saw some features at first than I looked through a telescope and found it was a countenance; then I looked through a microscope, and found it was a face! I thought it was rather like me, so I fetched a large looking-glass to make sure, and then to my great joy I found it was Me. We shook hands, and were just beginning to talk, when Myself came up and joined us, and we had quite a pleasant conversation, I said, "Do you remember when we all met at Sandown?" And Myself said, "It was very jolly there; there was a child called Magdalen," and Me said, "I used to like her a little. Not much, you know—only a little." Then it was time for us to go to the train—and who do you think came to the station to see us off? You would never guess, so I must tell you. They were two very dear friends of mine, who happen to be here just now, and beg to be allowed to sign this letter as your affectionate friends, Lewis Carroll and C. L. Dodgson."

THE DREYFUS SCANDAL.

IS RUSSIA INVOLVED?

WHAT is the secret of the apparently inexplicable confusion which at present surrounds the Dreyfus case? writes a Paris correspondent. Is he entirely innocent? or, if he is guilty, are there circumstances which make the truth difficult, if not impossible, to be told in France?

A well-informed correspondent, who has had access to those who are in the best position to know the facts, sends the *Daily News*, the following important statement: "I have had opportunities of talking to many of those who are connected with the case, and among them persons who are in a position to speak with authority and personal knowledge as to the evidence on which Dreyfus was condemned, and as to what passed at the secret Court Martial.

"Till now the universally accepted supposition has been that the foreign Power to which Dreyfus is accused of selling information was Germany. This, however, is not so, and I can positively state that the Power in question was not Germany, but Russia. It is the knowledge of this fact which has paralysed the French Government, and which prevents it from taking any action in the matter. The Government is placed in a very difficult position. If the real facts are made known, every Frenchman would be wildly indignant at the idea of their friend and ally obtaining French military secrets by means of bribes and spies. So great would be the disgust that the Alliance would probably be in danger. Thus the Government has to prevent the truth coming out at all risks. It is therefore impossible to produce the real evidence, which would bring out clearly the fact that Russia was employing a system of espionage in France, and equally impossible to order a new inquiry.

"As far as my information goes, the facts of the case appear to be these. As is so often the case in France and elsewhere, a woman is at the bottom of the affair. Dreyfus confided the secrets to a woman, possibly without any knowledge to what use they were to be put. From her they found their way to the Russian Government. Dreyfus himself received no money for the sale of the facts; and is probably innocent as far as knowingly giving information to a foreign Power is concerned. When first the military authorities began to investigate the case, they believed that the Germany which had bought the information. When they discovered their mistake, they still made believe that the Power was Germany, in order to throw divers suspicion from the right quarter. But I know on the best authority that the secret evidence upon which Dreyfus was condemned was that which proved him to have indirectly sold French military secrets to Russia. Some of those engaged in the crusade know this, and they also know that the Government dare not acknowledge it. The fact that Russia and not Germany is implicated in the Dreyfus affair is the secret both of the agitation and of the inaction of the French Government."

THE OCTROI NUISANCE IN FRANCE.

LOUD complaints are being raised by correspondents of the Paris edition of the *New York Herald* regarding the vexatious octroi duties. "An English-man" writes:—"Your correspondents on octroi annoyances evidently ignore the fact that the amiable *gabelous* who ransack passengers' effects on their arrival at the Gare du Nord—despite the original customs examination at the ports or at the frontier—have a percentage ranging up to 50 per cent. on all fines, of which, I believe, the minimum is 100 fr. Consequently the smuggling into France of even the smallest quantity of cigars, tobacco, or matches. In addition, all the cigars, etc., are confiscated. I was told that was the case with the Tabacs, Quai d'Orsay, where, instead of going into the "Queen's Pipe," as in England, they either become the property of the cabmen, or are sent home to certain of the higher officials of the Customs or the Ministere des Finances. Needless to say, the said officials have their cigars made much better tobacco than they could get in their own country even at the authorized depots of Havana cigars,—namely, the Regie Bazin, Place de la Bourse, and the Grand Hotel, where the sole idea of a good cigar is a 'Bock,' the darker and ranker the better. For, owing to the method adopted by the Regie of purchasing cigars in Havana (the tremendous discounts insisted on, etc.), the leading manufacturers sell all their 'firsts' to England, Germany and the United States, and the French public smokes nothing but 'seconds' and even 'thirds.' There is in my opinion, no question at all for the American or English resident to complain of, but I am up, as one of your correspondents suggests they should; but something practical might be done by warning travellers, through the English and French press or through notices on the Calais, Boulogne, and Newhaven boats, as well as in the various companies' memorandums, that they are responsible about their declarations on their immediate arrival in France. And this way the little game of the Paris *gabelous*, as well as of the officials at the Ministere des Finances would be found to above, would not exist. In conclusion, I may point out that the octroi officers have no legal right to open one's luggage; and if the lady travellers object to the search, the male officials can insist upon her packages being opened in future by the Commissary of Police of the Gare du Nord."

A TALK WITH JULES VERNE.

IN the otherwise proud and noble blood of Spain there lingers a taste for cruel and cowardly sports, which makes cruel amusements delightful to the populace. Hence that inveterate passion for the bull-fight, the cause of the ruin which every traveller who sees it learns to respect the bull, to wonder at the grace and courage of the matador, to pity the fate of the horse, and to shudder at the shameful degradation to which brutal pleasures can drag a whole people. After one experience no Englishman of proper feeling should ever be seen inside a bull-ring again. But pity and horror are lost on Spanish audiences—cannot so much as understand the horror which similar spectacles inspire in the breast that has not been accustomed from its infancy to delight in more bloodshed. In no other European country but one, which, like Spain, piously superstition and illiteracy make equally powerful, could such a sight have been witnessed as was exhibited in the Spanish capital a few days ago at the Plaza de Madrid, before no less than three thousand well-pleased spectators. It was a combat between a royal Bengal tiger and an Andalusian fighting bull, the tiger being a full-grown animal known for its ferocity. A cage, seventeen yards square by four in height, had been erected in the middle of the Plaza, and the animals were brought in, the bull being led to be released into the enclosure. He immediately began to run round and round his prison, bellowing and throwing up sand with his feet. The tiger, when instructed, the tiger entered the cage the great cat gave a roar and bounded on the bull, avoiding the horns, and fixed on his flank, and then on both teeth and claws. The bull remained paralysed for a few seconds, and then seemed to be sinking backwards to the ground. The tiger, however, loosened its grip for a second to take another hold, and in the brief interval was buried to earth by the wild plunges of the bull. Before the tiger had time to recover, the bull was on him, and, plunging its horns in the tough hide, tossed the tiger into the air. This was repeated four or five times, the bull varying his tactics occasionally by crushing his adversary against the bars. When the bull desisted the tiger lay limp on the ground and the crowd, thinking he was dead cried "Bravo toro." The bull stood stamping for a moment in the middle of the cage, and then, seeing that the tiger did not move, approached and snorted him enemy, who was already only shamming death, and seized the bulls muzzle in his powerful jaws so that the latter could not move. Eventually, however, the bull was released, and, after stamping furiously on the tiger, again caught him on his horns. This time the tossing, stamping, and mauling apparently really ended in the tiger's death. The cage was then opened, and the bull rushed out and back to his stable. For the matador's sake, the tigers was then brought in, and to the general surprise he rose to his feet, glanced round as if afraid the bull was still there and on paper. This is a first rough copy, which the author writes in ink with any necessary corrections. But this is not done until he has fixed his scenery and found his despatched which is the important part of the business.

The M. must be altogether optimistic and ingenious in order to please the public and not to be too easily guessed at by young readers. In this point of view M. Verne's newspaper readings to the Societe Industrielle stand him in good stead. Sometimes a casual incident a telegram or an advertisement may suggest an hooked for combination. The plot of the Tour du Monde en quratre vingt jours was suggested by one of T. Cook and Son's advertisements. M. Verne, having planned his book, consults every authority on that part of the world where his action takes place and saturates himself with Elisee Reclus's geographie. Then is the painful stage of gestation the reads childs' play.

THE "London Gazette" announces that Lord Halsbury has taken the title of Viscount Tiverton of Tiverton, in the county of Devon, and Earl of Halsbury in the same county. Sir Horace Farquhar has taken the title of Baron Farquhar of St. Marylebone, in the county of London. Sir William Hozier has taken the title of Baron Newlands of Newlands and Barrowfield, in the county and city of Glasgow, and of Mauldslie Castle, in the county of Lanark.

THE relations between the Queen and the Emperor William (says "Truth") are now most cordial. Prince Henry of Prussia brought over letters and a variety of messages from the Emperor to Her Majesty, and the coldness between the two Courts which has existed for the last two years has now entirely disappeared. The Empress Frederick, the King of Saxony, and the Grand Duke of Baden have exerted themselves strenuously in order to restore friendly feelings between the Queen and her grandson, and they have at last succeeded in doing so. It is now quite likely that the Queen may return from the Riviera through Germany at the end of April, but in any case it is settled that the Emperor William is to come to England at the end of July for the Cowes regatta week, when he will be entertained by Her Majesty at Osborne.

THE Spanish Cabinet has decided that General Weyler's conduct in Cuba should be submitted to a fresh inquiry directed by the General commanding the 1st Army Corps. The ruling of the Supreme Court turns out to have been less favourable to General Weyler than at first seemed to be the case. The court simply endorsed in its decision the opinion of the military fiscal, or public prosecutor, who considered the conduct of General Weyler and the documents signed by him contained no ordinary offences that the supreme military court could take cognisance of, or punish, under the Military Penal Code. It had not transpired that, at the same time, the public prosecutor expressed the opinion, and the Supreme Court ruled, that the said conduct and documents did contain a military act and infractions which an ordinary court of military jurisdiction was alone competent to examine.

EUROPEAN CAPITALS AND THEIR NATIONAL HISTORY.

SIR WALTER BESANT lectured before the College of Preceptors, on Jan. 12, on "The Educational Aspect of the History of London." The Bishop of London presided. Sir Walter invited the audience to consider London as the matutainer, definer, and defender of our liberties. In the crypt of the Guildhall was preserved the Charter given to the City by William the Conqueror, and this contained three points—every man was to have the rights of a freeman; every man was to inherit his father's estate; and the King would suffer no man to do a citizen wrong. Therein was contained the germ of our institutions the assertion of rights which had grown to be as the air we breathed. Other Charters gave new developments. It had been said that the long fight for liberty had been only a fight over money bags; but the pursuit of wealth meant courage, enterprise, the sending out of ships, the increasing of the reputation, strength, and wisdom of the country; it might mean the purest patriotism. Owing, in a large measure, to its wealth and population, London had taken a great share in the politics of the country, though this fact was also due to other causes, such as its geographical position, the happy circumstance that it had not been the Court, though near to it, and its constant connection with the country. In the 215 years from 1418 to 1633 there were 202 Lord Mayors, of whom only forty-one were born in London. From the very beginning London had always been a fighting city. Its citizens had always lived in the present, which was the characteristic of enterprising people, and the surest sign of vitality. We talked of new markets, but in the sixteenth century London merchants were sending cargoes to Archangel, Persia, the Indies, and in all directions. The Empire would have been impossible if the merchants of London had been as lethargic as those of Harve and Cadiz. It might seem to be the gift of fortune that such unequalled glory and greatness had fallen on this city and country, but the so-called gifts of fortune were taken, not given; they waited for the eye that could see, the brain that could understand, and the hand that could seize, and it was the greatness of London that her children had had the eye, the brain, and the hand. In the latter part of the last century the citizens of London had become so prosperous that they lost their old fighting ways; they led easy well-fed lives, as their portraits showed, and grew to be cowardly and soft. He felt sure that this could not be said at the present time and the moral was that if we had anything worth keeping we must be prepared to fight for it sometimes, if occasion arose.

The Bishop of London, replying to a vote of thanks, said he had in his mind the dictum of his old teacher, the Bishop of Oxford, that London would always been the purse, seldom the head, and never the heart of England. He did not think Dr. Stubbs meant "cheats" in the same sense as Sir Walter Besant; he thought the meaning was that London had always been the seat of English industry, but that she had not produced a large number of persons intellectually distinguished. The enormous wealth of Milton appealed to the mind, but it was remarkable, considering the large population of London, how comparatively few of the greatest names in literature were those of men who had been natives of London. It was also true that the great formative ideas that had gone through English history had not had their origin in London, though their development might have taken place there. He also thought that Dr. Stubbs had intended to say that London had never represented accurately the sentiment of England as a whole. The sentiment was, any inspiration that was stirring England might not be stirring the heart of the London itself. He did not commit himself to that remark, but, if it were true, its truth was probably owing to the fact that London had for a considerable period been a place of itself so much as an assemblage of persons who had come from all parts to follow their fortunes. Sir Walter invited the audience to consider how few of those who had ruled London were really Londoners. In that way, as a capital, London could be compared to only one other capital, Rome, for during the Renaissance not Romans, but persons coming from the rest of Italy made Rome. There was a good deal of satisfaction to capitals: they had to sacrifice themselves for the good of the whole commonwealth. It was the unfortunate position of a great man with much to do that he could not be himself. One could see that was true of Dr. Stubbs in spite of him. He would suggest as a subject of study the comparison of European capitals, not in position and size, but in relation to national history. It would be interesting to consider how the different capitals came into existence, and what influence they had had on the development of the countries. It was unfortunate but due to Italy to have a capital like Rome. The city was not a suitable capital for modern Italy; but Florence was a delightful place, and on the mind which it was impossible for the country ever to get rid of. Italy was saddled with a sort of Old Man of the Sea. Spain had been remarkably fortunate in her capital, the position of which marked her out to be a great colonising and Imperial country. Between these two extremes of Italy cursed with Rome and England blessed with London there lay a great many others. Paris suggested itself at once as the great capital of France owing to the fact that it was situated just at a sufficient distance up the river to make it a bulwark of resistance against the Northmanes; it therefore gradually became a real power, and extended that power over the rest of France. During the whole of its existence Paris had been the home of the fine arts and regarded by Frenchmen as the Athens of France, being in that respect the Antipodes of London. The strong point of Rome character had been that the popular instinct had found exactly the same. If we took any of the chronicles, and went down below the surface to see what Englishman were doing, we found that they were the same bull-headed, stolid, stupid people as we found our neighbours to be who lived next door. (Applause and laughter.)

FEMININE FACTS AND FANCIES.

Two years ago dress trimmings were at zero. As much of simplicity as accorded with the application of needless skill to cutting out and fitting characterised the gown of that happy period. But now we are creeping up by degrees to the senseless and silly elaboration of meaningless detail, such as reached its highest development in the sixties, when tailor-mades were as yet unknown, and dressmakers, uninfluenced by the competition of ladies' tailors, were as fantastically frivolous as they liked. Even tailor-made costumes are now beginning to share in the aberrations of over-trimming. The favourite trimming for cloth gowns is a rather troublesome one, consisting of strappings of black satin fastened down with buttons of more or less pretentiousness. Red gowns are often trimmed in this way, with or without supplementary braiding. Chiffon is used to a surprising extent in the making up of afternoon and outdoor dresses. A lovely costume worn at a fashionable gathering was grey cloth with yoke and sleeves of grey chiffon over silk of a brilliant Mandarin colour. The hat was white felt trimmed with grey wings and Mandarin velvet. A twist of velvet in the same bright tint formed a high folded collar.

Patterned all over is the fashionable woman, though the pattern is not always on garments only, unlike that of the lady at Olympia. A design in sequins adorns the crown of the up-to-date hat. The velvet collar is often sequined or jewelled all over its visible surface. The smart cape is now seen with vaving lines of sequins in black, steel, gold, or silver, and the foundation of the skirt, in more or less fantastic curves and loops, leads the eye upwards to the stitching on the brogues of the ornamental boots. Restful, indeed, is the plain, self-coloured costume without vexing, jarring lines, in contrast with all this bewildering and perplexing over-trimming. As to evening dresses, they exhaust the repertory of sartorial devices in the way of trimming. Sometimes the front of the skirt is cut out in a great semi-circle to the depth of five or six inches. The interval is filled in with something scintillating and transparent, through the meshes of which silk or satin of a different colour from that of the gown is seen. This ere-centa-bapid curve is repeated lower down, with similar intervention of transparency, colour, and glitter. It is usually a futility, and truth to tell, Paris seems too intent on novelty to be able any longer to appreciate the harmony of line and the due subordination of detailed effects to the general scheme. Our own London dressmakers are more faithful to the true ideal of dress, and though this superiority may be only momentary, it is to be set down to their credit.

In evening gowns the prevalent fashion is having skirt and bodice of different materials. The former is usually of velvet or velours, and the latter of yellow chiffon matching the tint of the velours. The frills of lace that trim the top of the bodice are headed by a line of apricot velvet, and the same velvet forms the waistbands arrayed! Yet another at the skating palace dons a skating skirt of accordion-pleated black silk and a corresponding blouse, and yet another who eats very early and graceful rapers on the ice wears, I think, the prettiest red cloth costume I have ever seen. The cloth is almost military red, and the silver buttons that ornament the skirt and revers of the bodice, which are held down by cut steel buttons of medium size, and which are likewise ranged along the edges of the habit shirt, is the magic button, that makes the charm. The Arzyll-street rink is much frequented by the skating enthusiast, for no other can boast such a beautiful centre under the pillars, apart from the incessant swirl of the centre, where hieroglyphics, pirouettes, not to mention outside and inside edges, may be practised.

Of people who should not marry, are the woman—Who proudly declares that she cannot even hem a pocket-handkerchief, never made up a bed in her life, and adds with a simper that she has "been in Society ever since she was fifteen." Who would rather nurse a pug-dog than a baby. Who thinks she can get £1000 worth of style out of a £300 salary. Who thinks that men are angels and demi-gods. Who thinks that the cook and the nurse can keep house. Who expects a declaration of love three times a day. Who goes into mourning for her husband cloak than she cares for the health and comfort of her children. Who stays at home only when she cannot find a place to visit. The man—Who thinks a woman's bonnet ought to cost about 5s. Who things his wife exists for the comfort and convenience of his mother and sisters. Who proposes himself with a family, and trusts Providence to provide the family with a home and something to eat. Who thinks nobody but an angel is good enough to be his wife. Who thinks a woman ought to be her own milliner, dressmaker, seamstress, cook, housemaid, and nurse. Who thinks a woman is "dressed for the season" if she has one new gown. Who forgets his manners as soon as he crosses his own threshold. Who thinks he can keep house better than his wife does. Who thinks there is "no place like home"—for grumbling and growling. Who quotes the Apostle Paul on the "Woman Question," and who firmly believes that she mantle of the Apostle has fallen upon him.

"First love," saith the old proverb, "is last to forget!" and with a woman at all events, this is invariably true. No other lover can be ever quite what her first was to her simply because he was the first. Deep down in her heart, every woman keeps a very tender corner for her first love, and never—although nothing would make her confess it—does she manage to meet him with quite the calm friendliness her outward appearance indicates. Not that she cares in the slightest now, or could ever be made to care again—burnt-out ashes do not kindle the flame; but the glamour of the old days hangs over them still, and till she is old and grey the refrain of a song, a half-forgotten perfume, the hush of a moonlight summer night, will bring an odd little thrill of the heart, half pain, half pleasure. It is the love she regrets, not the lover.

THE late Mr. Villiers told his nephew, the vicar of St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, that he was much struck with a remark of Cobden's in reply to a question as to what the English people believed. "They believe in God and the devil, but in which they believe most depends on whether trade is good or bad."

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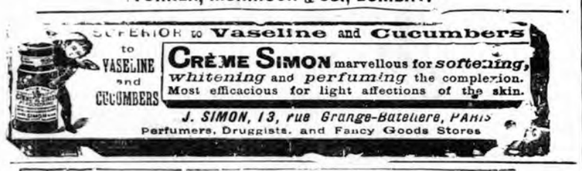
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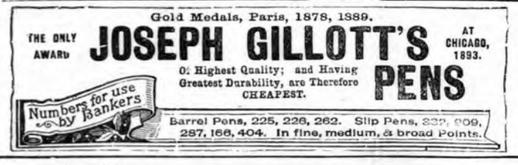
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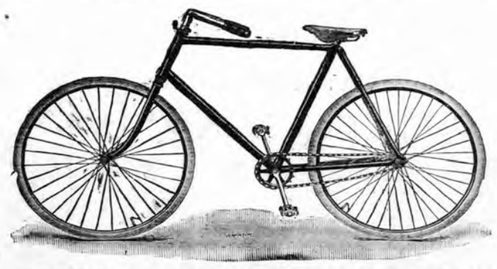

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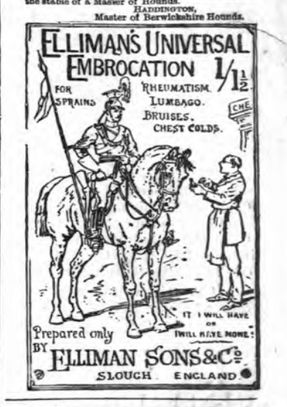
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